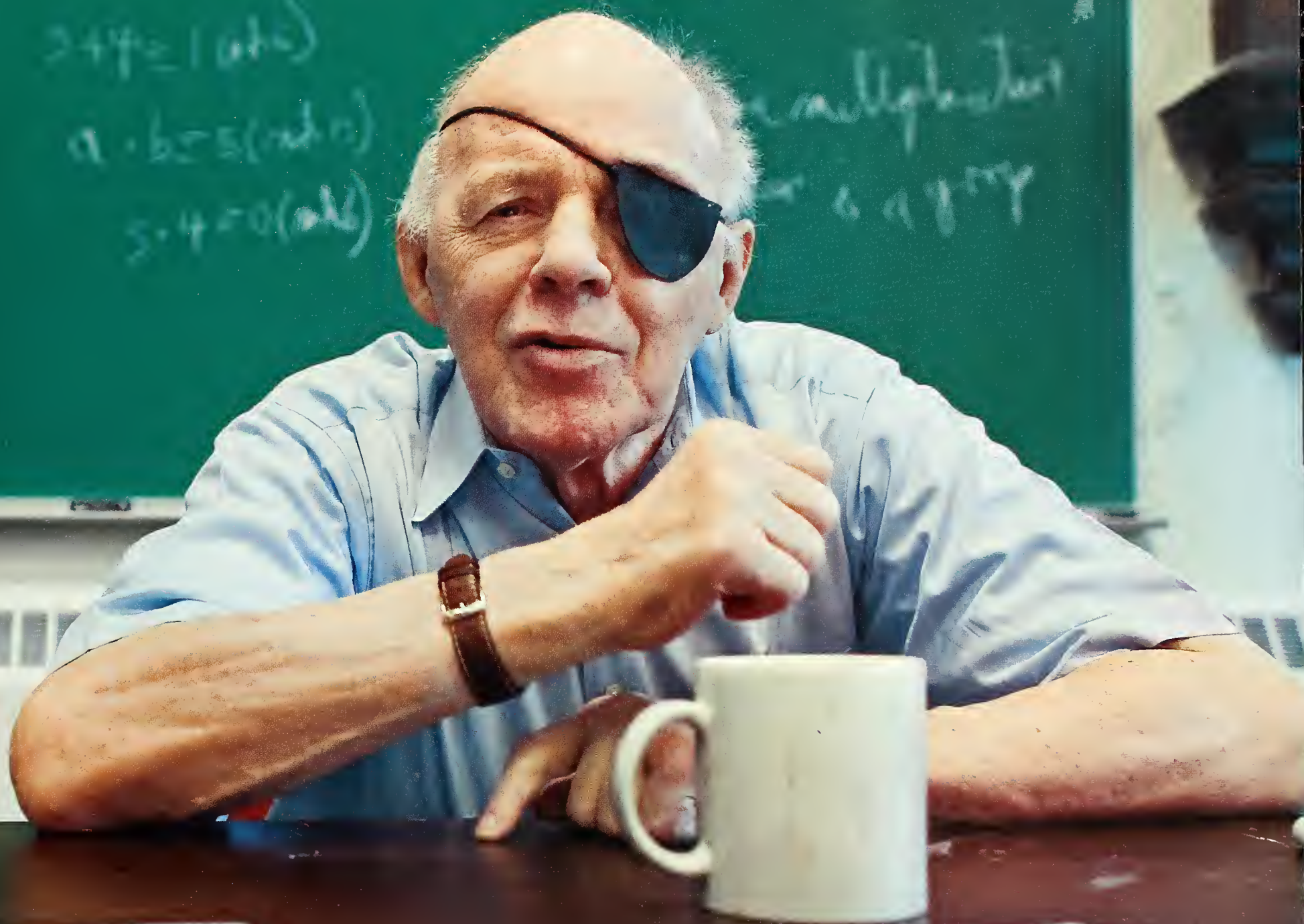


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PAUL SALLY'S MATH CRUSADE

BY WILLIAM BOLE

PROLOGUE

A FINE MADNESS

Q: Why do universities maintain math departments?

A: It's cheaper than institutionalizing the math faculty.

—Joke told by mathematicians

The notion that some human gifts are trapdoors to lunacy has a pedigree tracing back at least to Plato's observation that madness attended love, ecstasy, poetry, and prophecy. Down the centuries, as Western civilization organized itself upon grounds of kingdom, coin, and statute, prophets and persons who danced until they dropped became something of a nuisance, subject to arrest and worse, and by the time Shakespeare turned to consideration of god-struck human behaviors, only "the lover, and the poet" remained "of imagination compact" with "the lunatic."

The connection between artists and mania holds firmly in the human imagination, though beginning in the 19th century, as men and woman began to suspect that the Baconian notion of science as a supplier of goodness was not the whole story, the ingenious use of logic fell under the same suspicions.

The masters of intuition were the first to sense this, of course, producing doctors Frankenstein, Jekyll, and Moriarty in rapid order. But the real world wasn't far behind, soon serving up Thorstein Veblen, the notoriously unclubbable but brilliant economic theorist who gave each of his students an unvarying grade of "C"; Albert Einstein, with his great child's eyes, struck-by-lightning hairdo, and impenetrable "theories"; and the depressive philosopher Ludwig Wittgenstein, as unreliable in his life as he was incomprehensible in his work—"Don't worry, I know you'll never understand it," he assured two of his academic advisors regarding his doctoral thesis. (They happened to be Bertrand Russell and G. E. Moore.)

Of all the disciplines that run on high-octane reason, however, none became more associated with unquiet minds than mathematics, so that by 1925, the philosopher Alfred North Whitehead, who knew whereof he spoke (he had coauthored *Principia Mathematica* with Russell in 1910–13), was able to write, "Let us grant that the pursuit of mathematics is a divine madness of the human spirit, a refuge from the goading urgency of contingent happenings"—or, as most of the rest of us would say, from life.

Whitehead would most certainly have had in mind the manic, rage-prone Isaac Newton and the nomadic scholar and (likely) manic-depressive René Descartes. But he could also have been thinking of contemporaries such as Georg Cantor,

the inventor of set theory, who believed that he was on earth to represent God in the field of mathematics; or the melancholic isolate and eventual suicide Ludwig Boltzmann, who developed critical proofs for the existence of molecules and atoms.

Whitehead's thesis has since been powerfully reinforced by Kurt Gödel (1906–78), whose work I frankly don't know how to understand or explain here, but who, I understand well, starved himself to death for fear that the food being served to him in his home in Princeton, New Jersey, was poisoned by his enemies; or Alan Turing (1912–54), probably the most brilliant Allied code-breaker of World War II and a progenitor of computer science, whose food was in fact poisoned, though it was he who sprinkled the cyanide. And then there's the peripatetic Paul Erdős (1913–96) who spent decades living out of a suitcase in borrowed spare bedrooms in mathematicians' homes around the world while collaborating with his hosts on hundreds of papers.

In 2007, Cantor, Boltzmann, Gödel, and Turing were subjects of a rather breathless BBC documentary titled *Dangerous Knowledge*, which intimated that pure mathematics is to intellectual pursuit what bomb squad duty is to police work: a specialty that draws those who are already nuts, and makes headcases of the rest. A similar view has been delivered by three American movies: *A Beautiful Mind* (2001), the loose biography of schizophrenic Nobelist John Nash; *Good Will Hunting* (1997), in which Matt Damon portrays a volatile working-class prodigy; and then *Pi* (1998), a movie about a young, brilliant mathematician who escapes from a hell of calculation into happiness by trepanning his brain with a hand drill.

Theories as to why great mathematicians tend to be bonkers are in similar good supply and include the conjecture that gifts for math and mania are inexorably linked in the brain's wiring. Mathematicians, so far as I've been able to find, have not gone out of their way to refute this claim, nor to protest the portrayal of their profession as unbearably difficult and dangerous. Is this further proof of their loopy indifference to "contingent happenings"? Maybe not. Rationalists at the core, mathematicians may well have figured out that every movie or theory of mental illness that portrays their profession as Everest-scaling only turns sharp young people from intended careers as poets or lead guitarists and toward the struggle to master the maddeningly complex orders of abstraction on which the universe floats like a bubble on a pond.

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—BEN BIRNBAUM

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LETTERS

ON NURSING

As an alumna of Boston College's school of nursing, I was delighted to see Amy Sutherland's article "Rookies" (Winter 2010) on the realities of being a nursing student in today's health care environment. I've always considered being a nurse a privilege and after 38 years of practice still love what I do. Not everyone has the right to assist human beings at their most vulnerable. Every day I know that my colleagues and I have made a meaningful difference in somebody's life.

So, you can see why I was dismayed when in the same issue I read the prologue entitled "The Shadow" by Ben Birnbaum portraying Florence Nightingale as "strategically manipulative" ("she signed herself 'deputy inspector of hospitals,' a pure invention"), among other descriptors. Although never holding a formal position in government, Nightingale was a formidable influence on society's health, first in England and Europe, today throughout the world. Without data, there can be no analysis, and Florence's attempt to make order out of chaos is evident in her book *Notes on Nursing*.

The Connell School of Nursing sets its students on the journey to being nurses and not merely technicians, toward taking care of the whole person and utilizing critical thinking skills. It's an art. I am proud the tradition continues.

Cecilia McVey '72

Millis, Massachusetts

Great article! Overall, being a nursing student at BC was more challenging for me than law school later was. After a 10-plus-hour clinical, I usually grabbed a chicken sandwich at Lower before hitting the books to prepare for the next morning's quiz or exam. Sleeping five hours a night Monday–Friday during my junior and senior year was definitely not because I spent too much time at Mary Ann's.

Now that I teach a nursing class, I realize how devoted our clinical instructors were to their students and patients—to

those patients we cared for and those we would encounter in the future.

Kathleen M. Kearney '00

Dallas, Texas

How fortunate the BC nursing students are to have Stacey Barone as their teacher.

Ellen Norton, P'13

Norwood, Massachusetts

It was wonderful to see an article on the CSON experience. As a graduate practicing in an ICU setting, the student nurse years still come back to me. Giving my first bed bath to a patient who apparently died during her bed bath—it went uphill from there! After 45 years in nursing, I love it and know we make a huge difference to our patients.

Eileen McLaughlin '64, P'88, '93, '97

Georgetown, Massachusetts

Nursing is a newly discovered profession for men, and I am sorry I did not know about it earlier in life. At age 83, I volunteer one day a week as a nurse in the Salvation Army retirement home, with my wife who is 73.

Gilbert L. Wells, JD'58

Colares, Portugal

IRISH EYE

How wonderful it was to see Bobbie Hanvey's photographs ("Homefire") in the Spring issue. I've had a great time exploring the rest of the collection available online. I'm currently working on an MA degree at Queen's University Belfast, and will be starting my Ph.D. there in September. Northern Ireland is more than a province scarred by wars and bombs; it is also an amazing center for artistic life and a melting pot of cultures and traditions. Hanvey captures its unique essence.

Megan Minogue '07

Belfast, Northern Ireland

GREETINGS, FROM TEN SLEEP

To Matthew Morris '09, author of "Ten Sleep, Wyoming" (Fall 2009): I gradu-

ated from Boston College in 1948, and received an MBA from Harvard Business School in 1950. (My father, Fred E. Maguire, Sr., was the baseball coach at BC from the late 1930s through the 1940s.) I now live in Casper, Wyoming, and have been through Ten Sleep many times. My family and I have hunted deer and fished about 30 miles south of there since 1977. It is truly gorgeous country.

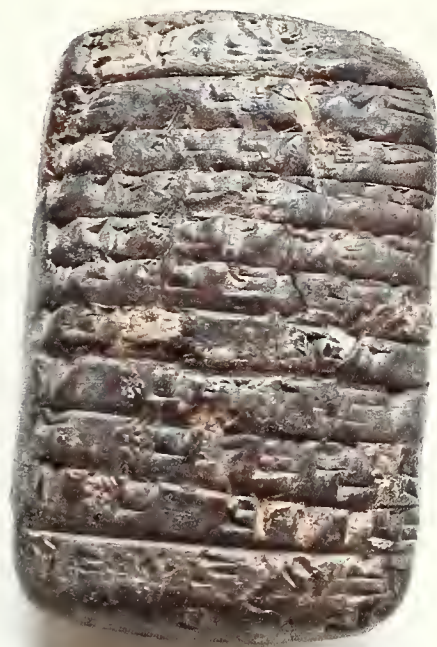
Fred E. Maguire '48
Casper, Wyoming

SUSPENDED

In the Fall 2009 BCM, the cuneiform tablet on page 44 (shown with other antiquities from the Burns Library) is upside down. This is a common display mistake. Unlike our writing system, in which we justify script along an underline, the Sumero-Akkadian cuneiform script was kept orderly by suspending the signs from an "overline." It was, however, written from left to right, like our own script.

Jeff Cooley
Boston College

The writer is assistant professor of Old Testament in the department of theology. Below is the tablet, ready for reading.



THE MAN WHO KNEW

As a former auditor in both the military and industry, I was intrigued by the story in the Fall 2009 issue "The Man Who Knew Too Much," by Dave Denison.

Harry Markopolos was not an auditor or an accountant, but an extra sharp financial analyst.

Joe Carroll '53
Framingham, Massachusetts

KNOWING MORE

Re "Drug of Choice" by Gene M. Heyman (Fall 2009): I am a recovering alcoholic and addict, have an MS in substance abuse counseling, board certification in intervention, and a résumé that, according to the courts, makes me an expert on addiction.

It is easy to blame one's genes for this disease, but having the gene only predisposes you to addiction. Social acceptance of use and the widespread availability of legal and illegal drugs, including alcohol, have resulted in many people without a family history being equally vulnerable to addiction. Oxycontin, for instance, doesn't require you to have a family history of addiction to make you dependent on it. Everyone who takes a drug of this sort will become physically addicted in time.

We have one death every 28 hours in Palm Beach County from prescription medications alone; this does not include alcohol, heroin, or cocaine. These drugs don't care if you have the gene. Knowing more about the physiological aspects of addiction is helpful in prevention.

Michael E. Walsh '85
West Palm Beach, Florida

FR. O'MALLEY REMEMBERED

The passing of Thomas P. O'Malley, SJ, on November 4, 2009, got me in the gut.

I met Fr. O'Malley on the steps outside St. Joseph's Chapel early one morning in my first week as a freshman, September 1972. He asked me where I was from, what I was studying, and lit up when I told him I was a theology major (he was then department chair; I don't believe we had more than 30 majors). Without hesitation, he instructed me to come to his office later that day to discuss my academic program.

The first thing I remember him asking me in his office was whether I was in the Honors Program. I responded with something like: "What is that?"

Well, Fr. O'Malley was not one to stand by when one of "his" majors was not invited to the Honors Program. He picked up the phone and called Al Folkard, then

director of the program, and said he was sending me over to Gasson Hall. Professor Folkard must have said something Fr. O'Malley liked, because he smiled his trademark wide smile. "Go see Folkard, he'll take care of this," he said to me.

David W. Zizik '76, JD'79
Sherborn, Massachusetts

Editor's note: On March 1, 2010, as BCM was coming off the presses, the Supreme Court announced it would not, after all, be providing a decision in the case of the Uighur men detained at Guantanamo Bay, for which law professor Daniel Kanstroom had submitted an amici curiae brief endorsed by 67 immigration and constitutional law professors. (See "Prior Knowledge," Winter 2010.) The Court noted that since the Uighurs had brought suit, "each of the detainees at issue in this case has received at least one offer of resettlement in another country. . . . No court has yet ruled in this case in light of the new facts, and we decline to be the first to do so." According to Professor Kanstroom, "the Court's ruling is understandable in light of new facts." However, he continues, "these issues will recur, and it is unfortunate that the Court has declined for now to resolve these very compelling and fundamental questions while allowing the government to continue to detain people at Guantanamo Bay who present no threat to U.S. national security. This case is about the fundamental limits placed by law on Executive power to imprison people for long periods of time on government-controlled territory. The Court's delayed resolution leaves the legal regime dangerously unclear."

Corrections: "Life Plan" (Winter 2010) contained reporting errors derived from an inaccurate third-party account of Landen Williams's conversation with Portico students. The corrected article, which deletes comments attributed to Mr. Williams that BCM has determined were not made by Mr. Williams, may be found at www.bc.edu/bcm.

Also, in "Homefire" (Winter 2010), the cause of the fire shown on page 38 is, in fact, unknown.

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Linden Lane

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CAMPUS DIGEST

Joseph Appleyard, SJ, '53, who's spent the past 43 years as a faculty member and administrator, most recently as vice president for mission and ministry, will leave in July to join the New England Jesuit Province under the **enviable and venerable** title "socius, consultor, admonitor," which translates to being an advisor to the province's leader. ✂ "Pontiff is named to Cleary Chair," a Boston College press release announced. Disappointingly to some, it referred to Jeffrey Pontiff, an expert in **finance**, who has become the James F. Cleary Professor. ✂ Theologian James Keenan, SJ, was **appointed** to direct the Presidential Scholars program, succeeding Dennis Sardella, a chemist; also, professor Arthur Madigan, SJ, was named to direct the core curriculum, succeeding fellow philosopher Richard Cobb-Stevens. ✂ Ben Kimmerle '10 raised \$780 for the University's service trip to Jamaica by sitting out on the Dustbowl and charging passersby a minimum of \$10 to cut off one of **73 dreadlocks** he'd styled into his hair. ✂ This spring's *U.S. News rankings* of graduate programs saw the Lynch School take 19th place in the nation, the Carroll School take 39th for its full-time programs (20th for part-time), and the Law School 28th. The agate type featured the University's organic chemistry specialty at 16, and the Lynch School's elementary education and student counseling and personnel programs at 12 and 20 in their respective fields. Adding

confusion to the rankings data was the collision this spring between website Daily Beast findings that Boston College was the 20th "happiest" campus in the country, as well as the 25th "most stressful" for students. ✂ The Lynch School's Center for **Catholic Education** was named after Patrick '51 and Barbara Roche in gratitude for their \$20 million gift to the center. ✂ In response to a classroom shortage, faculty scheduled **60 courses** at 8 A.M. this year, compared with 30 last year. ✂ The University's operating budget for the 2010–11 academic year was set by trustees at \$807 million and includes \$79 million in undergraduate financial aid and \$128 million in overall student aid. **Tuition** was set at \$39,880. ✂ Steve Donahue, late of Cornell, replaced Al Skinner as head men's basketball coach, bringing sports blogs to flood stage with hopes for a "more wide open" **style of play**. And while all eyes were fixed on an ice hockey rink in Detroit, the women's lacrosse team achieved its first ever top-20 ranking, at 19. ✂ Among the musicians Digest never heard of who **performed** on campus this semester were Ryan Cabrera, Girl Talk, and the Fray. ✂ A *Heights* listing of "top places to go on a date" included the Boston Public Library, **Star Market**, and the Chestnut Hill Reservoir. ✂ A sustained period of **heavy rain** in late March brought the facilities crew more than 200 complaints of leaking roofs and basements, and at one point forced the closing



COACHING—*Kinderkreuzzug* (Children's Crusade), a cantata composed by assistant music professor Ralf Gawlick, had its premiere in St. Ignatius Church on Saturday, April 10. Based on an antiwar poem by German writer Bertolt Brecht, the narrative recounts the odyssey of 50 orphaned Polish children who leave their homeland in search of sanctuary. The piece was sung by youth choirs from Germany, New England, and Boston. Shown at the dress rehearsal are (foreground) Gawlick and Valerie J. Becker, director. © An audio slideshow of the rehearsal can be found at Full Story, www.bc.edu/bcm.

of Campanella Way and the ground level of the Beacon Street garage. ✂ Taking advantage of dramatic declines in construction costs, the University determined to complete the **renovation** of Gasson Hall that it began with the deconstruction and reconstruction of the tower two years ago. The building will be closed during the 2010–11 academic year and residence hall lounges and campus conference rooms will be put to use as classrooms. According to the *Heights* April Fools' edition, the Cleveland Circle seminar hall known as Roggie's Brew and Grille has offered to help the University by offering special "trivia nights" for course credit. In other local restaurant news, Cleveland Circle's Eagle's Deli went upscale, clean, and well-lit under new ownership (discarding its BC memorabilia in the process), while

in the Campus Convenience mall, El Pelón Taqueria replaced College Sub, and Crazy Dough's Pizza will soon occupy the site of French Press. ✂ A record 3,500 audience members attended this year's AHANA Leadership Council Showdown dance competition, in Conte Forum, while 350 facsimiles of characters from the **Harry Potter** saga filled O'Connell House for this year's Middlemarch Dance. ✂ The University will replace card swipe entry with a manned **security desk** on weekends in Walsh Hall next year. ✂ Boston councilman Michael Ross spoke to members of the UGBC Senate on why he was advancing the so-called No More Than Four ordinance, which prohibits more than four undergraduates from living together in a **single-family unit**. ✂ In consequence of an energy consumption competition

among residence halls, **133,793 kilowatt-hours** were saved between February 1 and March 15. ✂ Dining Services launched a "**build your own**" macaroni and cheese station, rotating among Lower Live, Carney Dining Room, and Stuart Dining Hall. ✂ Three Eagles won medals at the **Vancouver games**: seniors Kelli Stack and Molly Schaus took silver in women's ice hockey, and Brooks Orpik '01 accomplished the same for the men's team. ✂ Associate professor **Catherine Cornille** was elected by faculty as the first female chair of the theology department. ✂ Denise Pantano Williams, who over the course of **47 years** served as an aide and advisor to four Boston College presidents—Walsh, Joyce, Monan, and Leahy—retired in January, taking her secrets with her.

—Ben Birnbaum



Hebard and Kuhn, box building

The conservator's apprentice

By Jane Whitehead

A course in bookkeeping

An old book bound in hog hide is more likely to be from Germany than from England because the English liked their pigskin fried as a crunchy snack. In the 16th century, books were stored flat, with their titles written not along the spine but across the fore-edge of the closed pages. French bookbinders pared their leather so thin that the bindings they made are more fragile than those of their northern counterparts.

These are essential facts to Barbara Adams Hebard, the Burns Library conservator. Hebard came to Boston College in January 2009 after almost 20 years as book conservator at the Boston Athenaeum. Trained in bookbinding at Boston's North Bennet Street School by former Burns conservator Mark Esser, she is mistress of methods and materials spanning more than five centuries.

"It's a little scary how much you're supposed to know, from chemistry to art history," admits Hebard, who studied English in college but has since taken courses in "Pest, Insect, and Fungus Management," "Medieval Pigments," and "Chemistry for Conservators." In her 300-square-foot basement lab in Burns there are cases of lead type; wood-handled brass punches for lettering spines and covers; a 19th-century cast-iron shear with a blade five feet long for cutting cardboard and paper used in conservation work; a bright yellow storage cabinet for toxic cleaning chemicals; and a fume hood above a large shallow sink, to draw off noxious vapors during treatments.

Hebard is responsible for the conservation of around 250,000 rare books, in addition to 16 million archived items: maps, prints, and photographs, and reli-

gious objects from the Liturgy and Life Collection of pre-Vatican II artifacts, which includes scapulars, rosaries, and crucifixes. A more recent addition to her conservation responsibilities is the preparation of items for the Burns Library's digitization project, which will make some of the library's rarest treasures available online to a worldwide scholarly audience.

Fortunately, since 1994 Bookbuilders of Boston—an association of publishers, printers, and artists committed to the fine art of bookmaking—has funded internships at Boston College to help with this kind of work. For the 2010 spring semester, Hebard wanted an intern with experience in the field. "To do this work, you really need some hand skills," she says. "I need someone who can turn out a finished product." Andrew Kuhn, a first-year doctoral candidate in Irish literature from Hays, Kansas, worked in the library as a reading room research assistant. An enthusiastic amateur printer and calligrapher, with a research focus on private printing presses in early 20th-century Ireland, he had firsthand knowledge of bookmaking crafts.

"I always wanted the opportunity to work down here," said Kuhn, on a January afternoon when he was in Hebard's lab preparing one of a set of nine rare 19th-century Italian genealogical volumes for digitization. He was carefully extracting sheets of paper that the artisan printer had interleaved to protect the surfaces of the book's lithographs and engravings. "By removing these, you're actually protecting the work," he said, pointing out areas where the acid in the interleaving sheets had stained the finely colored renderings of coats of arms.

The books are among the first Burns objects to be scanned for digitization. Other items that Hebard has recently cleaned and repaired for their Internet debut include an early unpublished play by William Butler Yeats, "Love and Death," preserved in five manuscript notebooks, and a Victorian pamphlet detailing illnesses caused by the Irish Potato Famine of 1845–49.

During the internship, Kuhn has also had tutorials with Burns librarian Robert O'Neill on the history of the book; sessions with David Horn, head of archives

and manuscripts, on cataloging archival materials (a current project involves inventorying letters, poetry, books, and ephemera from Irish author John Dean); and stints as a reference librarian in the Burns Reading Room.

Before working with Hebard, Kuhn, who majored in English and political science at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska, and earned a master's in English from the University of Kansas, assumed that the archival storage boxes used to protect rare books were produced in factories. Now he knows that each one is custom-made, having cut the boards himself using the shear, with its long curved counterweighted blade, and covered the finished boxes in buckram, a cotton fabric stiffened with glue. He also knows that grimy vellum bindings are best cleaned with soft erasers ground to coarse crumbs with a cheese grater and then rubbed in a circular motion beneath another, intact, eraser.

ON A MARCH AFTERNOON, KUHN AND Hebard donned white protective suits at the Boston College Integrated Science Clean Room and Nanofabrication Facility on the Newton Campus. In the hyperclean laboratory, primarily used for research in micro- and nanotechnology, Greg McMahon, a research associate in nanofabrication and imaging, used a state-of-the-art scanning electron microscope to reveal structural differences between calfskin and goatskin, two common book-binding materials. The aim, said Hebard, was to give Kuhn a flavor of the scientific side of conservation and, at a practical level, to show the minute pore pattern that makes calfskin more appropriate than the coarser goatskin for fine-tooled finishes.

Back at the Burns Library, in the Trustees' Room on the third floor, Hebard and Kuhn inspected large volumes from Boston College's notable collection of Jesuit texts, stored there in caged shelves. With former Bookbuilder intern Mike Pesce '09, Hebard had surface-cleaned every one of the room's 1,107 books in July 2009, noting volumes in need of repair and those with outstanding illustrations. The Jesuit material represents some of the finest work from the great European presses of the late 1500s to

1773, when the Order was suppressed throughout Europe, says Hebard, so as Kuhn works on minor repairs, he is becoming familiar with what she calls "a nice span of printing."

As relative newcomers to Boston College, both Kuhn and Hebard are learning the collection as they work on it. "I spend a lot of time down here in the Irish section," said Kuhn, as he and Hebard ushered a visitor through the metal security door and into the stacks in the Burns sub-basement. Hebard sniffed the air, heavy with the leathery must of old books. She is, said Kuhn, "incredibly sensitive to details" and by feeling the air can tell

whether the temperature and humidity control system is working.

Returning to the conservation lab, the pair came across a cart in the cataloguing department stacked with Dolmen Press editions of ancient Irish epics (Boston College has some 450 titles from the Dublin-based press, which operated from 1951 to 1987 and specialized in Irish poetry). "This is like a treasure trove for you!" exclaimed Hebard, as Kuhn opened a 1976 edition of *The Brazen Horn*, and showed her its austere typography. "This," he said, "is why I came to Boston College." ■

Jane Whitehead is a Boston-based writer.

Clashes of conscience

By David Reich

Medicine, faith, and the law

The sharp polemics that have marked the public conversation about laws and proposed laws to exempt health care providers from performing services that would violate their religious beliefs were nowhere in sight or sound on April 13 when a priest who directs health care services for the Boston Archdiocese, a leading obstetrician/gynecologist at Massachusetts General Hospital, and a prominent scholar of religion in American public life addressed the issue before a mostly student audience of 90 in Higgins 310.

The first panelist to speak, Fr. J. Bryan Hehir, secretary of health and social services for the Boston Archdiocese, likened such exemptions for health care providers to those that excuse military personnel from service at a nuclear installation on grounds of conscience. In both cases, he said, the question of exemption involves the intersection of "macro questions"—how a society has resolved its ethical

conundrums—with strongly held personal values.

Hehir, the Montgomery Professor of the Practice of Religion and Public Life at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, argued that the country's unparalleled diversity of religious belief and "contested public agenda" necessitate "protections for the individual conscience." Exemptions are also needed, he said, because of the key role played by religious organizations in carrying out American social policy. Compared with other industrialized democracies, "we expect less of the state, more of the market, and a lot from nonprofits," many of them religion based, said Hehir, noting that the country has some 600 Catholic hospitals. If we don't achieve a "fair adjudication" to thorny questions such as whether a gynecologist who refuses to perform abortions must refer a patient to an abortion provider or whether a phar-

macist can be required to supply a morning-after contraceptive, we put at risk the health care profession, the patient requesting the services, and the role of nonprofits in the social welfare system, Hehir said.

The session's second panelist, Michael F. Greene, a professor at Harvard Medical School and chief of obstetrics at Massachusetts General Hospital, listed several duties placed on all physicians by the medical profession's code of ethics, including discussion of the full range of treatments for a patient's condition "without regard to the personal philosophy of the provider"; informing the patient of each treatment's risks and benefits; and honoring a patient's refusal of a treatment on religious or other grounds.

To illustrate the conflicts that can arise between these duties and the doctor's personal beliefs, Greene told the story of a patient of his who required a surgery that typically results in massive blood loss but who refused, on religious grounds, to sign a form agreeing to a blood transfusion. After trying but failing to change her mind, Greene and his team "made fairly extraordinary arrangements" to adhere to her wishes, and they operated successfully. Nevertheless, he was mindful throughout that his "commitment to honor [the patient's] decision to refuse care—in this case, transfusion"—might result in her death. "It was a situation," he summed up, "where I had to adjust . . . my conscience to the patient's conscience."

THE THIRD PANELIST, MELISSA Rogers, a lawyer who directs the Center for Religion and Public Affairs at Wake Forest University, began by citing the fundamental American belief—going back to the War for Independence, she said—that "certain convictions" can override our duty to the civil order. "We've struggled," she said, "with how to have a functioning . . . society while also honoring" religious convictions.

Reviewing the ways in which First Amendment jurisprudence has honored the belief that conscience can sometimes override law, Rogers said that, for most of our history, government has had to prove "a compelling interest—something like health or safety"—to justify burdens placed on the expression of religion. In the

1990 case *Employment Division v. Smith*, however, the Supreme Court ruled that if a law doesn't target religion directly, it can be presumed to comply with the free expression clause of the First Amendment without further scrutiny, even if the law has the effect, if not the intent, of restricting religious practice. (In that case, two drug counselors, members of the Native American Church, were denied government unemployment compensation because their private employer had deemed their ceremonial peyote use to be job-related "misconduct.") The Court's decision, Rogers said, means that governments can still carve out religious exemptions to their laws if they wish, but they aren't required to carve them out—one reason that exemptions have turned into a topic of sharp debate.

When it comes to abortion, the Church Amendment—named for U.S. Senator Frank Church of Idaho and passed a few weeks after *Roe v. Wade* (1973)—and other similar laws have established that doctors who receive federal funds (Medicaid included) cannot be required to perform procedures or provide facilities for procedures to which they have religious objections. More recently, however, with the availability of "Plan B" morning-after contraception, Rogers said, "some pharmacists have experienced a dilemma similar to some physicians' dilemma in the

1970s." To deal with the conflict between patients and these pharmacists, she said, "states have passed a spate of [laws], some requiring pharmacies to stock this emergency contraception without conscientious exemptions being recognized, and some other laws that recognize conscientious objection . . . in various ways, some more absolutist, some less absolutist. And that's been a continuing debate, both at the federal and state level."

IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING AN OVERVIEW of religious exemptions, the panelists suggested ways to move toward a societal consensus—the "fair adjudication" hoped for by Hehir—while quieting the noisy, sometimes angry debates between those who believe the state must honor any claim of conscience made by a health care provider and those who think the state should automatically deny such claims. Hehir called for "civility, attention to evidence in the arguments, making the arguments on the basis of reason, not on innuendo and ad hominem." He also said that providers should claim exemptions "only for essential issues, not capaciously."

Greene echoed this point when he chided doctors who won't even refer a patient for a procedure that they refuse, on religious grounds, to perform themselves. He compared these doctors' reasoning with that underlying a mythi-



Attorney Melissa Rogers, physician Michael F. Greene, and Fr. J. Bryan Hehir

cal court case against a farmer whose corn was made into whiskey that, in turn, fueled the misdeeds of someone the farmer never met. "There has to be a limit," Greene asserted, "to the reach and realm of conscience." He also cited doctors' ethical duty to avoid situations where moral conflict might arise. "If . . . you have an objection to providing emergency contraception or abortion care services," he quipped, "you shouldn't volunteer" at your local Planned Parenthood office.

Rogers, too, advocated "early disclosure" by physicians of their religious objections to any procedure that they might be called on to perform. "That should not be something [the patient discovers] down the road," she said, "in a crisis, in a conflict." In addition, she called for a balancing of the provider's right of conscience with the patient's right to treatment. "We need to respect the moral autonomy of both patients and health care providers," she said. Of pharmacists who refuse to provide morning-after contraception, she said, "If there's [another] pharmacy close by that can provide the service . . . that would be a mere inconvenience. But it's something else where there's an actual lack of access, and we need to differentiate between those" situations. In the political debate over religious exemptions, "we often see a complete unwillingness to recognize" the other side's point of view, Rogers added, and thus she called for respectful dialogue, conducted outside the political arena, between people on all sides of the issue, with a goal of finding "common ground principles" that could then be presented as model legislation.

There followed 20 minutes of audience questions, toward the end of which an older audience member added his voice to the panelists' in hoping for a calmer, more reasoned debate. "Would it help the discussion," he inquired mildly, "to start off by seeing ways in which conscience leads people to serve their neighbors, instead of seeing conscience as something that says, 'Stay away from me'?" ■

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A video of the panel discussion can be seen at Full Story, www.bc.edu/bcm

Higher opinion

After the Boston College men's hockey team claimed the NCAA title on April 10 with a 5-0 win over the University of Wisconsin, BCM asked theologian David Vanderhooft for comment:

I grew up in Winnipeg, on the Canadian prairie, where Saturday evenings during the long winters conformed to a ritual. At seven o'clock, the strains of CBC Television's *Hockey Night in Canada* theme music and the voice of Danny Gallivan would sound in our living room. My family would watch the Leafs, the Canadiens, the big bad Boston Bruins. At the first intermission, my five siblings and I would rush off for ritual ablutions, our baths, because we had to be clean for church on Sunday morning. Cleanliness is next to godliness, they say, but it could wait for a break in the hockey action.

After arriving at Boston College in 1996, my interest veered from the NHL to the American college game. Coach Jerry York had come to BC in 1994, and he began to develop a winning program based on speed, skill, finesse, and a relentless attacking style. Small, fast, skilled forwards kept appearing year after year: Reasoner, Gionta, Eaves, Gerbe, Atkinson. York prizes velocity and grit; opposing defensemen know it, and not a few have been seen backing up into their own zones to prepare for an Eagle onslaught.

Goals come in many forms. Ben Smith's first against Wisconsin in the national championship game was a quick and surgical power play strike. But when Cam Atkinson collected a puck in the neutral zone early in the third period and hurtled past Wisconsin's vaunted defender, turning his right flank, producing panic, and exposing the goaltender, Atkinson scored a quintessential BC goal. To emphasize the point, he did precisely the same thing a few minutes later, this time beating two players. The Badgers dug in, but they had no answer for York's swooping Eagles. Hockey remains the fastest team game on earth, and York's teams are very often the fastest in the college ranks. BC goals frequently make me smile like a kid.

The television ritual of my youth vanished with a move to the U.S.A., the proliferation of cable networks, and hundreds of viewing opportunities every hockey season. Still, after Boston College secured the championship trophy, it seemed the right thing to do to jump in the shower and clean up for the rest of the weekend.



Captain Matt Price '10 with the championship trophy, April 12, at a celebration on O'Neill Plaza

Advances

From the laboratories

Instant recall

Scientists have long held that memory retrieval is a constructive process in which bits of information supplied by different regions of the brain create one, unified memory. There has been less certainty about how fast memories are retrieved and how they may change over time.

Scott Slotnick, an assistant psychology professor at Boston College, specializes in visual memory, specifically "retinotopic" aspects of memory whereby recollections of an object you saw to your left stimulate activity (the electrical firing of neurons) on the right side of the brain and vice versa. In a recent study, Slotnick had two sets of undergraduate research subjects view abstract shapes reminiscent of a computer screen saver—Bezier curves filled with colored lines—on either the left or right side of a video screen. Then Slotnick replayed these shapes along with new curves, all shown in the center of the screen, and asked the students to identify old versus new as well as the original location of the old shapes. While the students answered, their brains were monitored with either electrical receptors (ERPs), which instantly register spikes in neural activity, or MRI scans, which take rapid images of the brain that are then spliced together like a movie reel.

The ERPs, which heretofore had not been much used in tracking memory development, revealed retinotopic effects occurring in the brain's occipital and temporal regions (toward the back and sides of the head, respectively) within a quarter of a second, a speed far faster than typically attributed to memory retrieval. Indeed, Slotnick's results suggest memories may take shape as much as four times faster than earlier studies have shown.

The brain's right hemisphere showed the more prominent spikes in activity, perhaps due to its proclivity for processing coordinate data (the distance, for example, between a coffee mug and a table's edge). By pinpointing the retrieval of spatial information, Slotnick's results show memory recall with a rare level of detail.

In addition to the speed of the initial memory retrieval, Slotnick observed that the retinotopic activity in the subjects' brains continued intermittently for another second or so. This offers yet another indication, he says, that memory is an action "refined over time, as details are added." Slotnick's results appeared in the May 2009 issue of *Brain Research*.

Altered states

Plasma, the fourth state of matter (along with solids, liquids, and gases) constitutes some 99 percent of the universe's visible matter—the stuff of coronas, solar cores, and comet tails. Plasma's appearance on earth, however, is fleeting and limited—in lightning and flame, or in fluorescent light bulbs—and still little understood.

For the past three decades, the study of plasma, which is most simply described as electrically charged gas, has focused on "dusty" varieties, plasmas laced with solid particles ranging in width from nanometers to tens of microns. These particulates acquire an electrical charge from the plasma, causing all sorts of interesting results, such as, on a cosmic scale, the rings of Saturn.

Dusty plasmas have been much studied partly because of their importance to the semiconductor industry—plasmas are used in the manufacture of microchips, and the particles, produced during etching the chips, can cause contamination. But a subset of dusty plasmas that mimic the superdense, supercharged systems found at the center of stars is only beginning to reveal its secrets. Within these dense plasmas, dust can organize itself into states similar to liquid or solid, structures known as Coulomb crystals, and these may help reveal much about all four states of matter.

Recently, a team of physicists including Gabor Kalman, distinguished research professor at Boston College, and Stamatios Kyrkos, Ph.D.'03, a former graduate student of Kalman's and current assistant professor at Le Moyne College, developed a theoretical description of dense dusty plasmas formed when a beam of charged particles penetrates plasma. Their theory, co-authored with Marlene Rosenberg, a researcher at the University of California, San Diego, appeared last June in the journal *Physical Review Letters*.

The team's mathematical model supposes a two-dimensional crystalline lattice of charged particles penetrated by a charged beam, with both elements immersed in a plasma. The researchers calculated, among other effects, that the beam would cause electrostatic instabilities in the lattice—energetic ripples, so to speak—both along the beam's progress and, most interestingly, perpendicular to it, generating the type of transverse waves produced by sound when it travels through solids.

The model, Kyrkos says, has broad application for basic scientific research. The lattices in these dense plasmas behave mathematically much like everyday solids and liquids, but, unlike solids, their atomic behaviors are easily observable to, at times, even the unaided eye. The similarities in behavior suggest the team's theory could provide a "good model for many condensed matter systems," Kyrkos says.

The paper remains theoretical, but does provide a "solvable model" that, if proven correct, could advance study of phase transitions—the shift from one state of matter to another.

—Paul Voosen

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Kane: "We're moving toward a more collaborative world."

The finals frontier

By William Bole

Students create their own exams

Three years ago, Gerald C. Kane, assistant professor of information systems at the Carroll School of Management, invited students in his sections of the required freshman class "Computers in Management" (MI 021) to propose questions for the final exam. Kane had already prepared a set, but he thought the exercise would be a worthwhile study tool for the class. The results surprised him.

The students not only anticipated all of Kane's questions, they also came up with some that "were better than mine," he recalls. Since then, his final exams, which account for 50 percent of the overall grade, have been devised largely by the students.

The approach aligns well with the aims of MI 021, which, according to a description with the syllabus, "is intended to help the student develop mastery of the computer as a management tool," and which focuses in part on social media—that is, content created by users. Kane's favorite

example of this mode of communication is the collaborative websites known as wikis, of which the most famous is Wikipedia, self-described as the "free online encyclopedia that anyone can edit."

When Kane first broached the idea of student-generated tests with his class, students welcomed the idea but suggested they also prepare answers. Kane agreed—with the caveat that he couldn't guarantee the accuracy of the answers they posted. He then set up a wiki—basically a password-protected Internet bulletin board—where students could submit proposed questions. In the six semesters since then, class members have posted roughly a thousand questions and answers—all of which are then edited collaboratively by fellow students. Most of the 150 freshmen who make up the three sections of his class contribute, lured in part by bonus points awarded for questions that Kane includes on the exam.

Only a fraction of the questions appear

on the final. Examples from last spring's test include: "Briefly describe how India became the 'king' of outsourcing for the U.S."; "Identify the two types of [Internet technology] used by Zara"—the so-called fast-fashion retailer—"and briefly describe how Zara uses them to create competitive advantage"; and "Identify the two types of click-fraud faced by Google" (this refers to deceptions that involve repeatedly clicking on an ad placed with the search engine, to jack up the costs to the advertiser, which pays Google for each click—the culprits are typically competitors of that company).

Kane says he knows of just a handful of professors around the country who employ wikis as he does. All of them, he says, heard about it from him, via conversations at conferences or presentations at institutions ranging from the University of Minnesota to Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston. Boston College geology and geophysics associate professor Alan Kafka adopted the practice in his "Geoscience and Public Policy" (GE 187) course, after Kane pitched the idea at the annual faculty "E-learning" day two years ago. "I was very nervous at first," Kafka recalls. He worried that managing a website used interactively by 150 students might monopolize his time. But to his surprise, the wiki was largely self-regulating, needing little professorial intervention. Both he and Kane say that after giving students the basic instructions, all the professors have to do is sift through the questions (they pay no attention to the answers), picking the best ones and tweaking them as necessary. And Kafka's wiki gave rise to a separate Internet group—"a very rich discussion" among his students, Kafka says—about geologically focused public policy issues.

Kane considers his method of fashioning exams an instance of "crowdsourcing," a practice employed increasingly in business, in which companies turn to their customers to help solve problems. (Example: Goldcorp, a Canadian gold mining company, posted a \$575,000 reward for locating the best sites for new exploration; "the crowd" came up with hundreds of lucrative targets.) Some observers worry that Kane's approach allows students to memorize answers and simply repeat them on the exam. "I've gone around and around with

my colleagues on this,” Kane responds. “The sheer volume of information makes it almost impossible to just regurgitate. I certainly couldn’t do it.” Indeed, a printout of postings leading up to the spring 2009 final exam (Kane was on leave last semester) ran to 45 single-spaced pages.

Furthermore, although about 80 percent of the questions on Kane’s exams are at least variations of what students have proposed, they constitute only about 10 percent of the questions posted on the class wiki, and students don’t know the questions they’ll encounter on the final until they open their exam booklets (yes, the actual exam involves blue books). And there’s no guarantee that answers cobbled together by students on the wiki will satisfy Kane. “You can’t completely trust the answers,” says accounting and finance major Jane Greeno ’10, who took the course as a freshman and has since served as a teaching assistant in the class. “So you have to go back to your notes and the read-

ings and make sure everything is right. You have to come up with your own answers.”

What Kane finds especially gratifying is the view expressed by students that wrong or questionable answers posted on the site are often among the most valuable, forcing students to go back to their books (as Greeno did) and engage the material on a deeper level, ultimately learning more about the subject matter. He adds that the exercise teaches them to be savvier users of social media, including Wikipedia. (It also allows him to spend less time entertaining the perennial question of “what will be on the final exam,” he says.)

Kane notes that the wiki-based exam has clarified his thinking about the role of the professor in the social-media age. “It’s not about Professor Kane having all the knowledge, and imparting it to students,” he says. “We’re moving toward a more collaborative world. The professor is a guide, and the students are active participants in the learning environment.” ■

sophisticated analysis of the politics of David,” he said. “If, as Baruch Halpern [of Penn State, and a conference participant] has suggested, David is the first human being in world literature, might he also be the first politician? Was there a ramified bureaucracy in David’s time—anything we can reconstruct?” The conversations that followed offered glimpses of such a reconstruction—of David conspiring, negotiating, acting, and ruling in a light rather more practical than the one shed by salvation history.

As far as Raymond Cohen, the Corcoran Visiting Chair at Boston College’s Center for Christian-Jewish Learning, was concerned, the biblical account of David contained “elements of great king diplomacy, but diluted and a little bit barbarized.” David’s mistreatment of envoys, for example, betrayed “a certain [political] clumsiness.” How skillful a king was he? There followed a detailed discussion of the assassination of Abner, David’s wayward general, prompting one of the participants to vault several millennia and tap the wisdom of another great political intriguer, Talleyrand: “Worse than a crime, it was [a political] error.”

The next conversation, led by Amanda Podany, professor of history at California State Polytechnic, shifted toward the minutiae of Bronze Age political discourse. “Wherefore Hanun took David’s servants, and shaved off the one half of their beards, and cut off their garments in the middle, even unto their buttocks, and sent them away” (2 Samuel, 10:4)—did this operation involve a hacking-off of the lower portion of the beard, or (more savagely) a deforestation of one side of the face? Podany also called attention to a number of surviving letters in which monarchs of the ancient world held forth upon the gift exchanges by which alliances were cemented. One in particular, from King Ishi-Adad to King Ishme-Dagan, lowered us into the unglamorous details of Bronze Age political life. “Right now,” lamented Ishi-Adad, “just to relieve my feelings, I must speak about this matter which should not be spoken about. You are a great king; you made a request to me for two horses, and I had them conducted to you. But you gave me 20 minas of tin!” Donkey burials were also discussed, the dignity of the ass and

Powerbroker

by James Parker

The political David

His slingshot nailed Goliath. His playing on the harp refreshed the gloomy tyrant Saul. As king, he capered before the Ark while his wife looked on with the cold eyes of a princess compelled into marriage to a shepherd. His lust, his connivance, his nobility, his subtlety, the ruthlessness he shared with his divine sponsor Yahweh—these are things that we know, or think we know, about David.

Politically, though, who was he? Can we locate this extraordinary character and his legend within a recognizable landscape of Bronze Age kingship and conquest?

At Boston College in March a group of experts was convened over two days to probe, as far as possible, the political realities of the Davidic state. Organized by

David Vanderhooft of the theology department, and modestly billed as a “colloquy,” the event matched Old Testament scholars with political scientists, Boston College faculty with visiting specialists. Around 15 people were in attendance for the colloquy, sponsored by the theology department, the Initiative for the Study of Constitutional Democracy, the Center for Christian-Jewish Learning, and the Institute for the Liberal Arts. They met first in Gasson Hall and then, for the second day, in the Murray Room at the Yawkey Center. Presentations proceeded with no great emphasis on formality, segueing into open and often fast-moving discussion.

Vanderhooft marked out the territory in his prefatory remarks. “We have no



From left: Halpern, Cooley, Vanderhooft, theologian Pheme Perkins of Boston College (rear), Podany, and Jimmy Roberts of Princeton Theological Seminary

his relation to kingship. Podany's central point: In terms of what we know of political history, there is "nothing jarring" in the biblical account of David and his successor Solomon. Scripture gives us "a state that is familiar, more or less, with what was going on in the late Bronze Age, using the same mechanisms of international relations."

Day one concluded with a presentation from New York University Judaic scholar Daniel Fleming, during which it was suggested that Absalom's attempt to overthrow David was "a political impossibility"—not simply tragic, then, but strategically hopeless. The group tarried on the enjoyable topic of assassination, an important political maneuver in David's time. Commented someone: "The constant is: trying to kill the king. The variable is: How good is his guard?" After which, the scholars all repaired to Legal Sea Foods for their dinner.

On day two the Boston College theology tag team of Jeffrey Cooley and David Vanderhooft reported on "Divination and the Politics of Royal Legitimation." Boiled down to its purest definition, Cooley told the group, divination is simply "a method by which humans determine divine will." And how might the divine will signal its intent? Via celestial omens (shooting stars) or terrestrial ones (a fox running into the middle of the village and dropping dead). Or via the spread entrails of

an animal, peered into by a practitioner of the art of extispicy. These genres were not incompatible: A celestial omen might be tested with a bit of extispicy—double-checked, in effect. David double-checked his omens in 2 Samuel 5, inquiring twice of the Lord whether he should proceed militarily against the Philistines. In the final talk, historian Baruch Halpern argued from the Scriptural evidence of Samuel and Kings that David was more of a politician than his royal contemporaries, whose chronicles tend to offer litanies of straightforward conquests. David, by contrast, is shown exercising the kind of frenetic and cagey alliance-building that would be

required of a hopeful usurper, of a mercenary chieftain with no army or great house behind him, but with a sharp eye for the main chance.

As he does in the Bible, the ancient hero slipped trickster-ishly in and out of focus across the two-day conversation: One moment we were deep in gangland politics, with David as *capofamiglia* and the Davidic state a *Sopranos*-style tangle of rival bloodlines; the next he was primly cocking an ear to God. In the open conversation that followed Halpern's talk, the ancient king became positively phantasmal. Did he exist or not? How much confidence can we have in the biblical account of this person? NYU's Fleming sounded an insistent note of caution: "I don't want to linger over it, but these [facts] are *really* in play. There are groups of biblical scholars, in Europe particularly, who are far less trusting of these sources," believing the texts to be apologias drawn up centuries after David's death, for political and diplomatic reasons.

"But if it's a later text," countered Cooley, "a legendary text, why would [the authors] include such embarrassing stuff? Because we see in the Books of Chronicles"—a later, soberer account of the biblical royalty narratives—"that they get *rid* of the embarrassing stuff."

Ah, the embarrassing stuff. The human stuff. David in royal old age, his whittled-away body getting a warm-up from Abishag the Shunammite. A politician to the very end, we might say. ■

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And the winners are . . .

The **Baldwin** awards for excellence in student filmmaking were held March 26: *Man of the Year*, a stop-motion film written and directed by Kevin Nihill '11 about a young man and his inflatable doll gone-bad, won Best Picture. • The communication department's **Leonard Persuasive Speaking** contest took place April 13: Valerie Bell '12, advanced the pros of offshore drilling and brought home the \$800 first prize. • The topic of the 118th annual **Fulton Prize** debate, held April 14, was "Resolved: The Second Amendment should be incorporated against the states by the due process clause of the Fourteenth Amendment." The negative side argued that striking down gun laws would increase gun violence and won by a 3–0 decision. Brendan Benedict '12 garnered the Fulton Medal. • And the first prize of \$10,000 in seed money at the Boston College **Venture Competition** April 15 went to PIQC, a search engine specializing in highly complex queries developed by David Tolioupov '10 and Shahbano Imran '09.

—Tim Czerwienski



"We each have our own strut."

Q&A: Being Baldwin

Interview by Thomas Cooper

The life of a mascot

A small troupe of anonymous volunteers—four men and two women, all undergraduates—animate the 6' 6" plush Eagle known as Baldwin and his larger, inflatable counterpart, Baldwin, Jr. Several of them recently took questions on condition that their identities remain secret.

Who is Baldwin, really?

Baldwin is a dude, the Big Man on Campus. He never shuffles or slouches. He struts. We each have our own strut.

How does one become a Baldwin?

I saw a flyer on a stairway—"Do you want to be Baldwin?" Six of us showed up for an audition in one of the racquetball courts at the RecPlex. We did general improv with props, then we put on Baldwin costumes and responded to situations Baldwin might encounter—a touchdown or a frightened child. [Solution: Be a shy bird and look away.] After two rounds of auditions, two of us were chosen.

What's the outfit like?

We have four body sets and three heads. The heads have a lightweight helmet inside to support the beak, which is 24 inches long. The suits are made to order in Canada and are one-size-fits-all, although on those of us who are shorter the legs bunch up. This year we got one new costume. In the older versions, a separate padded leotard provides bulk. The new costume has the padding built in, and there's more sculpting of the muscles, so Baldwin looks really jacked.

Where are your eyes?

We look out through the mouth, and it's tunnel vision. For us to look someone in the eye, Baldwin's head has to look up. If someone is taking a picture of Baldwin, we have to look at their waist. It's hard to see small kids. I've run over a couple.

Has Baldwin been an athlete?

It's not required, but it helps. All but

two of the current Baldwins once played hockey. Not me. I tried going to one hockey game. I shuffled around the ice holding onto the boards, and when I came off the ice, people were asking, "What's wrong with Baldwin?" Most of us do some stunts with the cheerleaders—table-tops [standing on the bent backs of two cheerleaders who are themselves being supported] and choppers [hooking your legs around a cheerleader's neck and getting spun around like a helicopter blade]. My fear while I'm doing a chopper is that Baldwin's head will unsnap from the body and fly off.

Who knows your true identity?

My mom, my sister. I had to tell my roommates because I was gone all the time.

Does Baldwin get to know other mascots?

At tournaments, when lots of teams come together, we trade stories about our mascot programs and talk about our suits. We also meet at fundraising events. I've gotten to know Wally the Green Monster [the Red Sox mascot] and the Celtics' Lucky the Leprechaun. I was at an event for the Boston Cannons—the professional lacrosse team—and during a mock lacrosse game, the BU Terrier knocked me down. He even knocked over the Cannons mascot, Boomer, who is a cannon. We all had to stand Boomer back up.

Do you have a most memorable moment?

Maybe the first time I hit a backwards, over-the-head basketball shot from the three-point line—during a game against Florida State. It's not easy. I initially tried it from half court. I threw the ball up, turned around, and it dropped right behind me.

What's the toughest part of the job?

People don't always seem to remember there is a person inside the suit, and sometimes they pat Baldwin on the head pretty hard. Little kids get carried away, too, pulling and poking. You just have to wave your wing and walk away. ■



Baldwin works the Duke basketball game in "Superfan," a Boston College Video Minute at Full Story, www.bc.edu/bcm



View, two years hence, from near Carney Hall

CLOSE-UP: WINGS

The southwest corner of middle campus—a roughly seven-acre triangle bounded by Beacon Street and College Road—has had various functions since 1907, when Thomas Gasson, SJ, acquired the Lawrence Farm that became the University's Chestnut Hill campus. From 1915 to 1955, this corner, site of the farm's former piggery, was the football team's field. Since the early 1960s, it has been shared by Carney Hall, McElroy Commons, and the Dustbowl. This fall it will begin another transformation as construction starts on Stokes Hall, a 180,000 square-foot humanities center—the first academic building erected on campus since Merkert Hall in 1991, and the first non-science building since the completion of McGuinn Hall in 1968.

The new facility, a mix of classrooms, offices, and common spaces that is roughly twice the size of Devlin Hall, will consist of two four-story wings located

on what is now the parking lot between Lyons Hall and McElroy Commons and a portion of the Dustbowl. The rendering above, looking west from in front of Carney Hall, shows the east façade of Stokes South (left), with Stokes North perpendicular to it and Lyons Hall beyond. The wings, designed in the traditional collegiate gothic style, are linked by a glassed-in second-floor skyway.

Stokes Hall will add 36 much-needed classrooms to campus, with seating for 1,060 students. It will also bring a number of the humanities departments under one roof, including the departments of English, history, theology, philosophy, and classical studies, as well as the PULSE program, the Arts and Sciences Honors Program, the Office of First Year Experience, and the Academic Advising Center. When completed, Stokes Hall will make possible the next step in the planned development of

middle campus, as the University turns its attention to other buildings on the campus green, notably, Carney Hall.

The footprint of Stokes Hall will dramatically alter the current, amorphous shape of the Dustbowl, creating instead a rectangular open space of 107 yards by 70 yards—slightly larger than a football field—bounded by the Stokes wings on the north and west, Fulton Hall on the east, and Carney Hall on the south. The result will be a well-defined, expansive green, free of cars.

According to Mary Nardone, associate vice president of capital projects management for the office of facilities management, the Stokes project is set to go to bid this summer, with construction slated to start in the fall and last for two years. The new hall takes its name from Patrick T. Stokes '64 and his wife Anna-Kristina, in recognition of a \$13.5 million gift. —Tim Czerwienski

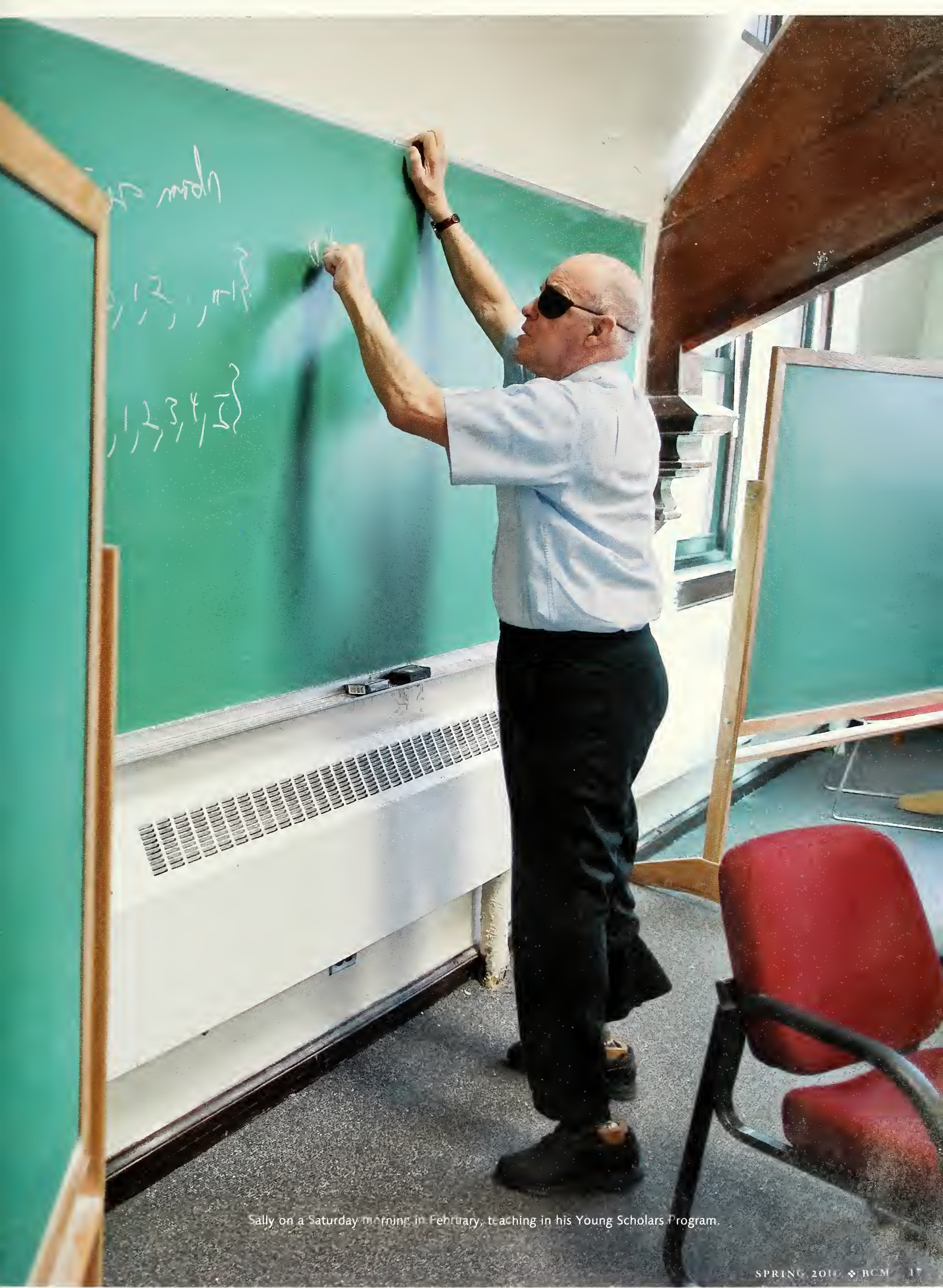
Sally's calculation

How to make a mathematician

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In a classroom on the tough South Side of Chicago, a math teacher cuts a daunting figure, his head rising above a six-foot-high, freestanding chalkboard, a black cloth patch over his left eye. He begins the lesson abruptly, calling out to a class of eighth, ninth, and 10th graders, "What's the sum of numbers from 1 to 111?" A boy wearing a University of Chicago sweatshirt begins to speak up in the back, and the teacher interrupts loudly, "Who's that?" He lurches toward the youth. His gait is a testament to six decades of battle with Type 1 diabetes that has left him with titanium legs, today tucked in black sneakers. Both arms are out in front of him, because even with his "good eye" he can't really see. "Is that Dylan?" In a sharp Boston accent, he orders Dylan to hustle up to the front of the classroom. "You'll be my victim today," he informs the young man, and then he identifies a second victim.



Sally on a Saturday morning in February, teaching in his Young Scholars Program.

It might have been an intimidating moment, if the students weren't all taking it in stride, chuckling or plowing ahead with their problem-solving. The setting wasn't a public school: It was a spacious room with a high arched ceiling and rows of windows looking out on the quadrangle of the University of Chicago, in the South Side's Hyde Park enclave. Twenty-five students, mostly from Chicago public schools, turned up on a Saturday morning in February for the math equivalent of a weekly pickup game, open to any youngsters who, for the span of three hours, want to take a swing at solving math problems that would vex many of their teachers. They were there because they chose to be there, for what is called the Young Scholars Program. It's one of the many math-education ventures of Paul Sally '54, MA'56, a celebrated University of Chicago professor whom students, from pre-teens through graduate school, affectionately call "the math pirate."

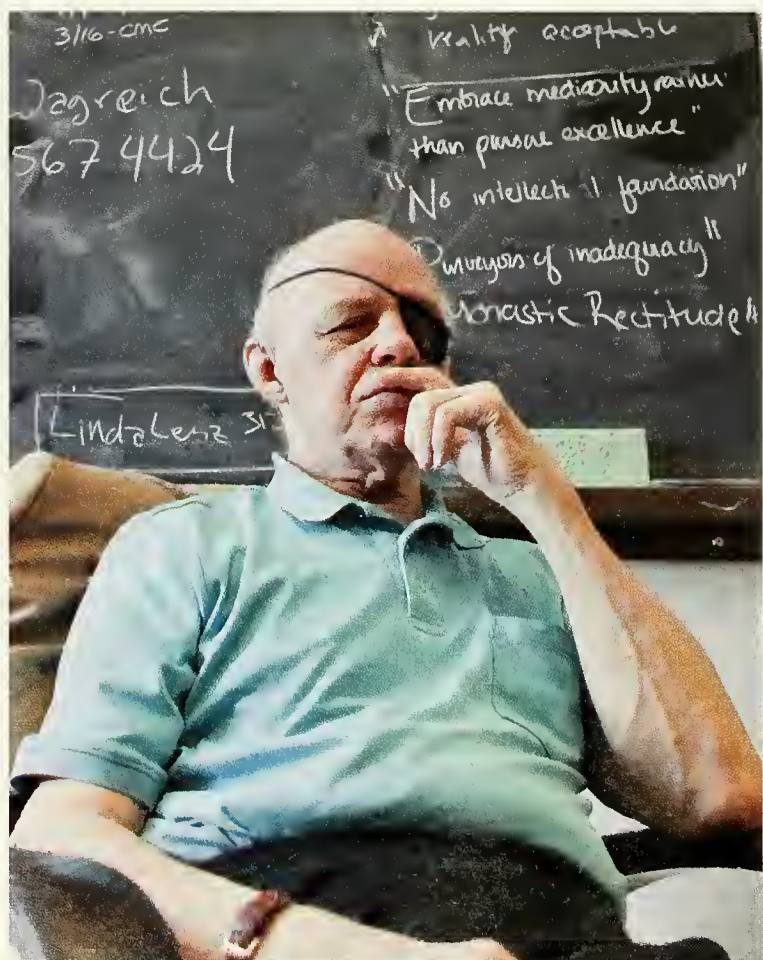
Sally is a rare beast in the mathematical jungle. On the one hand, he stands atop the food chain, among leading research mathematicians, who are known generally as a reclusive species not highly disposed to the teaching life. And yet, he takes great pleasure in standing in front of a classroom of middle and high school students, giving out fist bumps when they reason their way to what he often styles a "beautiful proof." As Marek Dobrenko, an eighth-grade math whiz at O.A. Thorp Scholastic Academy, a magnet

public school 19 miles away, remarked while helping himself to chocolate chip cookies during a break at the Young Scholars class, "It's just a lot of fun spending your Saturday morning learning the logic."

Sally devotes as much passion to working with teachers as with students, acting on his precept, "To teach mathematics, you have to know some." One of the boldest iterations of that principle is a project he spearheaded seven years ago in Chicago called the Algebra Initiative, a program of rigorous study that qualifies teachers to offer that critical subject in middle schools. Certification from the Algebra Initiative, now available at three universities around the city, is required by the Chicago Public Schools before an instructor can teach the subject at the middle school level.

"He's really well known among research mathematicians, and he's equally well known in education circles," from elementary to university level, says Albert Cuoco, who directs the nonprofit Center for Mathematics Education, in Newton, Massachusetts. Sally's research area is number theory, a branch of pure mathematics, which is concerned less with the utility of mathematics than with the beauty of its abstractions. (One way that Sally tries to capture this beauty for students at all levels is by introducing them to the Platonic Solids, five perfectly symmetrical shapes that Plato wrote about in his dialogue *Timaeus*, and which were further developed in Euclid's *Elements*.) His mission as an educator, however, appears all encompassing: "to spread mathematics far and wide," says mathematician Ben Howard, who discovered his love of the discipline as a high school student in the Young Scholars Program (which Sally founded in 1988 with colleague Diane Herrmann). "That's what he lives for," says Howard, who is now an associate professor of mathematics at Boston College.

At 77, Sally the math evangelist is renewing his mission, aiming to spread the Algebra Initiative beyond Chicago (his best bet is Boston), even as some observers see much of Sally and his ways that can't be replicated or scaled up.



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Sally with two of the 25 young scholars in attendance. As many as 50 have been known to show up willingly on a Saturday.

RAMPING UP THE QUALITY OF MATH AND SCIENCE education is widely considered a pressing national priority. A sign of this urgency is the Obama administration's "Educate to Innovate" campaign, which looks to link government agencies, corporations, and universities in efforts to bolster teaching in those subjects and make American students more competitive globally in the technology and science arenas. Sally has sat on his share of advisory panels and steering committees that address atmospheric issues such as curriculum and appropriate standards of math achievement. His signature approach, however, is unstintingly personal.

He goes to students. And he goes to their teachers, through such projects as the Algebra Initiative and SESAME (Seminars for Elementary Specialists and Mathematics Educators). Launched in 1992 and still directed by Sally, SESAME offers a breadth of courses in pedagogy as well as in content areas such as probability and number theory, focusing especially on the conceptual foundations. It is one of a number of programs run by various institutions that lead to the state of Illinois's certification to teach math and science in middle schools. Aside from the enterprises run

from his bustling office at the University of Chicago, Sally's footprints are found in settings ranging from his alma mater, where he has intervened at pivotal times in the evolution of Boston College's math department (see sidebar, page 25) and where he has personally endowed the Sally Award for math achievement by graduating seniors, to the K-8 Thorp Academy set in a working-class neighborhood on Chicago's northwest side. Sally has "essentially adopted" this magnet school, serving as generous donor and star attraction at special events with titles like "Math Stories: An Evening of Reasoning and Proofs," says Linda Hunt, who teaches and coordinates math studies at Thorp.

At the University of Chicago, Sally is the sort of professor whose reputation among faculty extends well beyond his department. Colleagues more versed in Coleridge than calculus know enough not to tell him, "I can't do math." When he hears the confession, whether at a party or on a plane, Sally responds, "That's funny, I can't read."

Among the university's students, "Everyone hears about him as soon as you get on campus," says Eleanor Brush, a fourth-year math major from Hartford, Connecticut. Brush is sitting at the front desk of Sally's office on the second



A "Sally's gang" member transcribes at the Young Scholars session.

floor of the gothic-style Eckhart Hall, answering the phone and playing with a Rubik's cube. One legend students relate has to do with Sally's classroom policy on cell phones, which is reputedly to invite students to line up and take turns stomping on any phone that rings during class. Sally himself will only say that he follows through on this threat if a phone goes off five or six times in the same class meeting. With clearer conviction, he tells of instances in class when he's borrowed a cell phone (he doesn't own one) after learning of a student's plan to miss math class for an early flight out at Thanksgiving or spring break. Sally says emphatically that he has rescheduled flights in class "more than once."

"They think there are things in life that take precedence over mathematics," he says, tilting his six-foot-three-inch frame forward during an interview in his office, "and I try to disabuse them of that notion." This is part of Sally's shtick, his nothing-really-matters-but-math routine. His students are quick to note that on the first day of class, Sally informs them that the only excuse for missing an exam is "if you died and your funeral's that day." He also instructs them in the proper way to address him in class: "Yo, Sally." This, because he can't see their raised hands.

Bracing classroom encounters aside, Sally has a devoted cadre of students, former students, and other coconspirators who proudly identify themselves as members of "Sally's gang." The inner ring includes roughly a dozen students who work for him, reading aloud his e-mails, sorting through the milk-crate file boxes that crowd his office, helping out with research tasks, and otherwise lending a hand on his projects (they're paid mostly with grant money obtained by Sally). The outer rings extend to about 50 others, including city of Chicago teachers and administrators.

"He's really a great and cool guy. He's 77, but I like hanging out with him," says University of Chicago second-year student Jonathan Gleason, who came to Sally asking if the professor knew of any jobs available on campus and quickly found himself driving Sally around and helping to manage the Young Scholars Program. One of many students and allies to course through the office on that Friday in February was Christina Pei, who graduated from Chicago in 2006 and is now teaching at an experimental middle and high school in Flushing, New York. Pei says she flew in for the purpose of participating in Sally's gang activities, her chief destination being the Young Scholars session the next morning, in

which she would be assisting as a counselor, someone who helps facilitate student discussion of math problems in small groups. After the Saturday session, Pei said, "Everything he does, I want to be part of."

By all accounts, Sally's generosity is as outsized as his humor. The story is told of a farm girl from Italy who dreamed of pursuing graduate study in math at a great American institution, and was accepted by the University of Chicago. All she had to do was take the Test of English as a Foreign Language, or TOEFL, which she elected not to do, knowing she would almost certainly fail.

The determined student journeyed to Chicago anyway (having mistakenly gone first to Minneapolis) and hung around the math department until she was allowed to begin sitting in on classes informally. School officials fully expected that within weeks, she'd pack it in—though not for lack of math prowess. And they were right.

One fall day in 1990, she sat at a pay phone in Eckhart Hall, tearing up as she booked a flight back to Italy. Sally walked past the pay phone at that moment. He signaled her to come to his office, and she left a short time later with a personal check for \$1,000 and a plan to get squared away with the admissions office so she could begin drawing income as a graduate teaching assistant.

That farm girl was Gigliola Staffilani, now Abby Rockefeller Mauze Professor at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a leader in the field of pure mathematics. Staffilani says that whenever she sees Sally, she tells him that he made all the difference in her life and career. He says that's nonsense: It was her talent and drive that put her where she is today.

"I don't agree with that. I would have never made it, without his help," Staffilani says in her hesitant English. "If I had gone back to Italy then, I would have never returned." The TOEFL test ceased to be an issue. Sally worked behind the scenes, and the next thing Staffilani knew, the requirement had been waived in her case.

PAUL J. SALLY, JR., WAS BORN IN BOSTON'S ROSLINDALE section on January 29, 1933, the son of a "jobber" who ran a one-man contracting business—plastering, roofing, and bricklaying—out of the trunk of his car. Sally earned a half-tuition scholarship to attend Boston College High School, where he was an all-star basketball player, and was lured with another half-tuition scholarship to Boston College. Both scholarships were for academic promise, and when asked about his scholarly feats at the University, Sally, who majored in math, responded with a long, loud laugh. "I muddled my way through," he says. "My grades were mediocre at best."

At times too clever for his own good, he never saw the point of doing math homework as long as he could tackle

the assigned problems in class. Sally relates that homework counted for 25 percent of the grade in one class; he scored 100 on all the tests but racked up a final grade of 75, owing to his personal homework policy.

John Ford, a retired social-work manager, was a Boston College classmate of Sally's and is now alumni chairman of the Class of '54. He went to hear his old friend speak in McGuinn Hall last December about the Algebra Initiative (Sally is a frequent visitor to Chestnut Hill). "He was just as brash as he was when he was an undergraduate. He was as much of a wise guy as ever," Ford says of the presentation in which Sally, among other zingers, dared a well-known textbook company to sue him for proclaiming loudly that its Algebra 1 text is an "absolute mathematical disgrace." This is part of the funny, earthy, tough-guy image that the Roslindale boy cultivates, but Ford and other friends say that Sally's true character is defined by his loyalty and grit. "He's there for people," is how Ford puts it.

Shortly after graduating from Boston College, Ford was in Army basic training at Fort Dix, New Jersey. Sally was dating Ford's sister in Somerville, Massachusetts, and Ford's girlfriend was back there, too. The soldier was homesick, and Sally promised to drive down with Ford's sister and girlfriend. "Paul had an old, beat-up, mid-'30s car, and most of the floorboards were gone," the friend recalls. As luck would have it, on the weekend of the trip, the Northeast was battered by a hurricane. "He drove through the rain and wind . . . just so I could see my girlfriend," Ford says. "I knew he would get there in spite of the storm. It was sort of his character."

Sally says he got a late start as a mathematician, by professional standards. He likes to quip that mathematicians do their best work when they're 21 years old (which is not so wild an exaggeration) and that at that age, he was dribbling a basketball. Sally was also hitchhiking regularly the 10 miles to the Heights from Dedham, where his family had moved. After graduating from Boston College, he stayed on to get a master's in math, in what was to him a "dream" situation. He'd been offered an Intramural Fellowship, which involved assisting in intramural sports while pursuing graduate study. "They were paying my way to go to school, and I spent all my time in the gym," he remembers fondly; he also substitute-taught in Dedham public schools. "I hadn't yet caught the drift that you have to work hard at mathematics."

The second year out of college, he taught full-time at Boston College High School while finishing his master's and moonlighting as a cab driver. Third year out, he worked at a mathematical consulting company in Carlisle, deploying the theorems for such functions as air traffic control, while teaching part-time at Regis College.

Then, as he turned 25, came his day of decision. He was among the first Ph.D. math students admitted to Brandeis

University, and he recalls that soon after arriving there, the chairman of the department pulled him aside and said, “Sally, we know about you. You’re bright, but you’re a screw-off. If you don’t get to work, we’ll throw you out on the street next week.” Sally got serious and in addition to earning regard for his studies became a popular instructor on campus. Abram Sachar, the renowned first president of Brandeis, was once quoted in the student newspaper as complaining that the best teacher in the math department was a graduate student (Sally).

Sally speaks of several moments in his young-adult life when friends nudged him to his next level of ambition and performance. These friends include the truck driver with whom he worked part-time delivering furniture during college, who told the young man he would not be happy for long in such an occupation (Sally at the time wasn’t so sure); and an older, fellow math teacher at BC High who said teaching alone would never satisfy Sally’s mathematical curiosities. Sally is not one to air reflections on how mathematics became his calling or when he knew he had a gift for it. As he often does when asked a personal question, he answers with a question—“How do you know you want to play for the Boston Celtics? It’s a dream.”

At Brandeis Sally met a woman named Judith Flanagan Donovan, whom he married in 1959; the couple had three children, all boys, while he was still in graduate school. Two

of his sons are in education—one as a curriculum director at a public high school with two campuses in Chicago suburbs, the other as a management professor at Dartmouth College. The third son is a partner in a Boston law firm. Judith Sally retired in 2002 as a math professor at Northwestern University and has coauthored two books with her husband, including most recently, *Roots to Research: A Vertical Development of Mathematical Problems*, published by the American Mathematical Society in 2007. Sally is currently working on two more books, one with Diane Herrmann and one on his own.

Sally went to the University of Chicago to teach in 1965, and never left. But he made his name as a research mathematician during two visiting stints, in the late 1960s and early 1970s, at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton. There, with his colleague J.A. Shalika, and under the influence of the famed Indian mathematician Harish-Chandra, he cranked out a series of acclaimed papers in the area of representation theory, notably in harmonic analysis, which involves the examination of basic waves in physics. Sally received particular recognition for his work on the related topic of p-adic analysis, which the average intelligent person “has no business knowing about,” as he told an interviewer. (Staffilani says that Sally’s lecture on that subject at a 2007 MIT symposium is generally remembered as the most impressive mathematics presentation there in recent years.)

All the while, Sally kept a hand in math education at the lower levels, teaching weekly classes and making special presentations at elementary and middle schools in Chicago. He made a grander entrance into that arena in 1983 as founding director of the University of Chicago School Mathematics Project, better known as “Chicago Math,” a curriculum designed mainly for grade schools. Still used in educating an estimated four million children nationwide, its teaching materials and textbooks tie math to everyday activities such as counting money and playing cards.

Four years into the Chicago Math experiment, Sally



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Counselors, at lower left and standing, moderate discussion of a math question.

departed as director, pointedly. “I got fed up with the educational bureaucracy,” he recalls, expressing the view that school leaders generally felt the best way to engage students in math was to make the math easier. He wanted to make it more challenging, in part by teaching the concepts behind simple mathematical operations—why any number multiplied by zero equals zero, or why the product of two negative numbers is always positive.

Though one of the most illustrious, Sally is not the first mathematician to throw up his hands after seeking to elevate math instruction in America’s schools from outside the classroom. Staffilani of MIT says that at professional meetings, mathematicians often vent about the halting pace of progress toward raising standards and reshaping curriculum. As Staffilani relates, Sally decided to take his effort “in a completely different direction.” He went inside the Chicago school system and straight to the teachers, “straight to the fact that if people know more, they can teach better.” One has to know a lot of mathematics to teach the “simple things” with confidence, says Staffilani.

This idea that if you want to teach math well, it helps to know math well, is behind all of Sally’s outreach to teach-

ers. And when he speaks of knowing math, he’s not talking about calculation skills. In Sally’s class, the best students of any age aren’t necessarily the ones who tally up the answer first. They’re the ones who use logic and reason and imagination to devise a way, preferably an elegant way, of getting there. They enjoy the journey.

Sally would want middle school teachers who attend his weekly SESAME classes to do more or less as he does on Saturday mornings at sessions of the Young Scholars Program. When he asked the two dozen teenage students that morning in February for the sum of all numbers between 1 and 111, he wasn’t looking for a single number. And he didn’t drill his students on a rule for arriving at the answer.

After offering clues, he had the students break into discussion groups, as they might at a college-level seminar on Chaucer. The students sat at rectangular tables and were assisted by six college students and one alumna, all belonging to “Sally’s gang.”

At one table, University of Chicago third-year Kris Harper engaged two African-American and two Hispanic students (two boys, two girls) in conversation about ways

of scaling the problem. Harper mentioned something called the “reverse-and-add-trick,” and two of the young scholars interjected almost in unison, “Pascal’s Triangle!” referring to a geometrical arrangement of numbers named for the 17th-century French philosopher and mathematician Blaise Pascal. After five or 10 minutes, Sally gathered the counselors to get reports on how the pupils were faring. He listened, shuffled to the blackboard and, with his uncovered eye an inch from the surface, chalked out the conclusion:

$$\frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

$$\frac{111(112)}{2}$$

(The top part of the formula equals the bottom part, if “n” equals 111.) Sally’s conclusion did not, of course, offer a bottom-line number, but took the students to the point where the rest was mere calculation. Sally then introduced the next of several problems he would raise that morning (he has a desk drawer full of suitable challenges collected over the years).

Sally says too few eighth graders are taking algebra in Chicago and in inner cities elsewhere because their instructors can’t teach the subject. This matters, because a solid course of algebra puts eighth graders on track for calculus in 12th grade, which is, for one thing, a factor in admission to many colleges and universities. The picture is getting brighter in Chicago. Since it began in 2004, the Algebra Initiative has credentialed 311 middle-school teachers after running them through a challenging course of study and administering a qualifying exam so rigorous that many teachers fail it on their first attempt. The end result is that more Chicago eighth graders are being steered into algebra—12 percent last year, up from 7 percent in 2003, according to David Jabon, a math professor at DePaul University (another of the initiative’s local university sponsors) and a former student of Sally’s who is conducting an evaluation of the project.

Sally likes to send his “young scholars” to the blackboard and otherwise put them on the hot seat, but he’s gentler when teaching teachers, who tend to know less than those students. “He’s infinitely patient with them,” and careful, says John Boller, his unofficial right-hand man and a senior lecturer in math at the University of Chicago. Sally’s goal is to win their trust, which he does, not only in the classroom but also by his presence in the schools and his skill at working with the school system. “He goes to bat for teachers like no one I’ve ever seen,” says Hunt of Thorp Academy, who took Sally’s classes in SESAME and now teaches SESAME classes in curriculum and instructional methods. She cites his advocacy of professional development for teachers,

which includes lining up financial help for those who can’t come up with the tuition for SESAME.

AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL, THE QUESTION SALLY often gets from funders and policy makers is: When are you going to “scale up?” On the one hand, he’s dismissive of the suggestion. “If I could do eighth-grade algebra in Chicago schools, it’s already scaled up,” he says, alluding to the size of that school system, with 409,000 students. On the other hand, he is looking to expand, evangelizing far and wide about the Algebra Initiative, with presentations in San Francisco last January at the annual joint meeting of the American Mathematical Society of America and the Mathematical Association of America, as well as articles in preparation for professional journals. Cuoco of the Education Development Center says Sally is involved in a push to bring the Algebra Initiative to his native Boston through a partnership with the Hub’s public schools, Northeastern University, and the center. “Boston’s interested,” Cuoco says, adding that foundation funding will be the key. Meanwhile, across the Charles River, in Cambridge, the Harvard Extension School has been replicating the SESAME formula since 2001.

Solomon Friedberg, chairman of the math department at Boston College and a former student of Sally’s at the University of Chicago, is among the research mathematicians who tell of how they were drawn to math education largely because of Sally. “For me, it was inspirational” to see a top researcher in the field involved in K–8 education, he says. Using almost the same words, Boston University professor Glenn Stevens, who is not a former Sally student, recalls that as a young mathematician in the mid-to-late 1980s, “I was always inspired by Sally’s presence at meetings.” Stevens is himself a number theorist. He also directs PROMYS (Program in Mathematics for Young Scientists), and he serves as principal investigator for Focus on Mathematics, two Boston-area programs that foster professional development among teachers and math ability in children and teens. He says Sally and the “warmth of his community” of research mathematicians was an encouraging sign to him that one could succeed as a scholar while forging links with schoolteachers and young students. Sally’s full effect in this regard “can’t be measured, but it’s been really significant,” Stevens observes.

The math pirate shoves aside questions about why he’s committed to math at every level. When pressed, he says he “sees a need” and goes from there. The 77-year-old does say he intends to keep on teaching—“for as long as I can find the blackboard.” ■



Paul Sally talks about the Algebra Initiative before a Boston College audience, in video at Full Story, www.bc.edu/bcm

FOR BOSTON COLLEGE, A NEW PH.D.

Mathematics at Boston College has journeyed far since the days when proofs and problems were at times taught by Jesuits who doubled as French or philosophy instructors. And the latest testament to that headway is the launching of a new doctoral program in mathematics at the University.

The math Ph.D. is set to begin in the fall after getting the Board of Trustees imprimatur. It will focus primarily on two research areas, according to math department chair Solomon Friedberg: number theory/representation theory, which has applications for the secure transmittal of information on the Internet, for example; and geometry/topology, the far-flung applications of which include the study of curved space in the cosmos.

Friedberg says the advanced program will draw top scholars of these pursuits and will help attract students from the next generation of research mathematicians to Boston College. It will be the first new Ph.D. in the College of Arts and Sciences since sociology, political science, and theology were added 40 years ago. The School of Nursing accepted its first doctoral students in 1988.

The administration has sponsored an extensive academic review of the math department over the past couple of years, conducted by three outside mathematicians from institutions prominent in the field. The evaluation team reported, among other findings, that the department exhibits an "outstanding" level of purpose and collegiality; that the University "now has research faculty in mathematics that one would expect to see at institutions like Michigan or Columbia," and that the establishment of a Ph.D. program would etch Boston College onto "the national map" in this discipline.

Paul Sally '54, MA'56, a leading research mathematician and a professor at the University of Chicago (see story, page 16), underscores Friedberg's role in advancing research and other aspects of the department at Boston College. "He's turned the place on its ear. It's really abuzz now," Sally says of his former graduate student at Chicago, who arrived in Chestnut Hill in 1996 and became chairman three years ago.

The chairman pushes some of the credit back to Sally, who, for one thing, urged Boston College to recruit Friedberg as a professor and then persuaded him to accept an appointment.

(Sally has made similar interventions with regard to other new professors at Boston College, where the math department has hired seven ladder-rank faculty over the past 15 years.) "I've certainly called him up a number of times, asking advice" about departmental matters, Friedberg notes, pointing also to Sally's frequent presentations at Boston College.

A half dozen or so doctoral students will enter the new program in the fall. A notice recently posted by the department on the American Mathematical Society's website says, "Our pro-

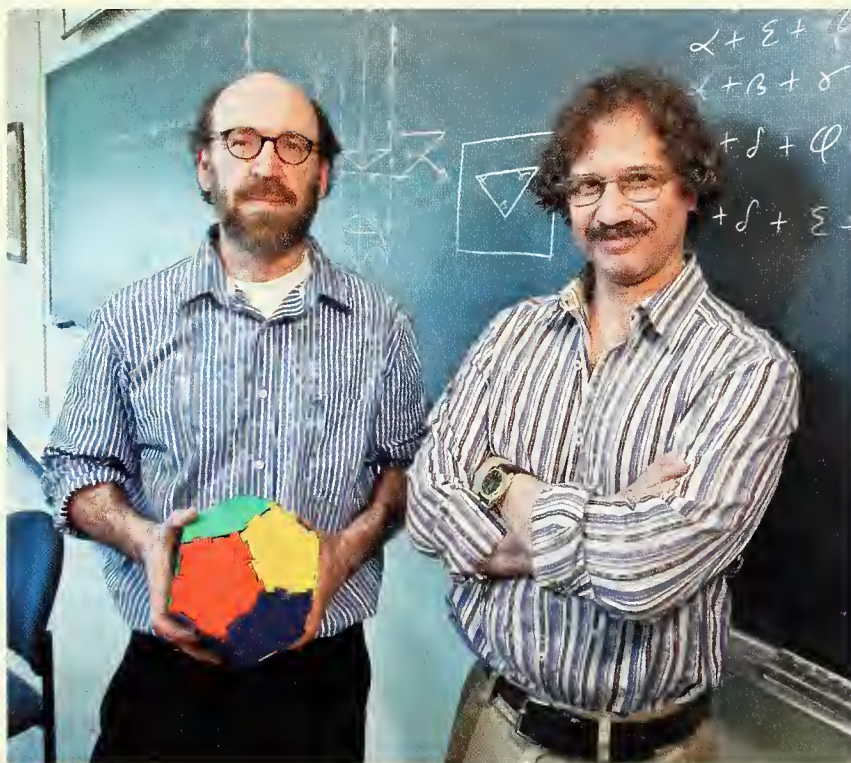
gram will be small, thereby facilitating close interaction between students and faculty." In addition to the research priorities, Friedberg says, the doctoral program will put emphasis on training "effective communicators of mathematics" for teaching and writing.

Although Latin, Greek, and religion were privileged subjects at Boston College during the early years, mathematics was part of a cluster of other subjects (including history and geography) taught from the beginning. During the 1950s, the School of Education gained reputation as a leader in the preparation of math teachers for primary and secondary schools, at least

partly through the efforts of Stanley Bezuska, SJ, and his Boston College Institute of Modern Mathematics, now the Mathematics Institute. The math department has long offered master's degrees through the Lynch School of Education—including a master's of science in teaching—and through the Carroll School of Management. Two years ago, the department began partnering with MIT in creation of the BC-MIT Number Theory Seminar, a series of high-profile lectures focusing on developments in that field. On Boston College's end, the seminar is organized by Friedberg and associate professor Ben Howard.

At the undergraduate level, the University will institute next year a bachelor of science degree in math to complement the bachelor of arts. New, yearlong courses in algebra and analysis will allow BS students to "learn these key areas of math in greater depth at the upper-division level," says Friedberg. He adds that the BA program will remain strong and especially suited for those who are preparing to teach math at the pre-collegiate level or are double-majoring in math and a non-quantitative field.

—William Bole



Professor Robert Meyerhoff (left), the math department's assistant chair for graduate studies, and Friedberg, the department's chair



DEAD RIGHT

In America, the living aren't always in charge

BY RAY MADOFF

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very year *Forbes* magazine publishes its list of “Top-Earning Dead Celebrities.” As the editors explained in the 2006 edition, “A nail in the casket is hardly the end for some stars. Instead, their work, as well as their iconic images, continues to appeal to fans who remember them, and to those born long after they died.” »

OPPOSITE: *Double Elvis* (1963) by Andy Warhol

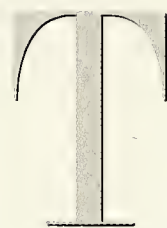
Top earners noted that year included the musicians Kurt Cobain, Elvis Presley, John Lennon, Ray Charles, and Johnny Cash, as well as such writers and artists as Charles M. Schulz, J.R.R. Tolkien, and Theodor Geisel, better known as Dr. Seuss. The list also included Marilyn Monroe and Albert Einstein, both of whom have had highly lucrative posthumous careers not because of continued sales of their work but rather through the marketing of their name and image.

More recently, a new record has been set for posthumous moneymaking. In the seven weeks after Michael Jackson's death on June 25, 2009, the star's estate reportedly earned \$100 million (from, among other things, a film deal, a commemorative coin, a line of school supplies, and a \$150 coffee-table book); the estate was expected to earn another \$100 million by the end of 2009.

In order for the public's interest in dead celebrities to translate into dollars, the law must provide a mechanism that allows some, but not others, to profit. Shakespeare's work continues to sell, and his image is iconic, but Shakespeare is not a top earner. People do not need to pay to reproduce his works or image because both belong to the public domain.

The two legal rights that make it possible for dead celebrities to continue to generate revenue are the right of publicity, which allows a person to control the exploitation of his or her image, and copyright law, which allows a person to control the exploitation of his or her creations. In recent years in this country, these rights have grown in significant ways, providing posthumous protections never before

invasion of privacy do not apply once a person is no longer counted among the living.



HE RIGHT OF PUBLICITY IS THE RIGHT OF an individual to own, protect, and profit from the commercial value of his or her name, picture, and likeness and to prevent others from unfairly appropriating this value for commercial benefit.

This concept was born as a component of the right of privacy, which has its American origins in an 1890 *Harvard Law Review* article written by Boston law partners Samuel Warren and Louis Brandeis. In that article, Warren and the future Supreme Court justice Brandeis urged courts to recognize the development of a common law right to privacy, which in time the courts did. As the law developed, however, the right of publicity became a stand-alone right more powerful in scope and duration than traditional privacy protection.

In its conception, the right of publicity protected individuals' privacy, preventing their identities from being used in advertisements without their permission. One of the first cases under this claim was brought in 1902 by Abigail Roberson, a young woman in Rochester, New York. Roberson's portrait was copied from a studio photograph and used without her authorization by a flour company on its posters (with the punning slogan "Flour of the Family"

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At the same time, American law provides only scant protections for the interests we hold most dear: our bodies and our reputations. That's because established law holds that we have no enforceable rights to control what happens to our bodies after death. As well, claims for defamation and

under her image). The posters were distributed to 25,000 stores, warehouses, and saloons, and Roberson claimed she was "greatly humiliated by the scoffs and jeers" of people who recognized her face. Her suit proved unsuccessful—the court refused to recognize her interest in the absence of relevant legislation—but the public outcry from the decision in *Roberson v. Rochester Folding Box Co.* caused the New York legislature to enact a statute in 1905 explicitly prohibiting

use of a person's name, portrait, or picture for advertising purposes without consent.

In other states, it was the courts that developed a right of publicity, in the absence of legislation. Thus, shortly after the *Roberson* decision, a similar case arose in Georgia when an insurance company printed the photograph of a little-known artist, Paolo Pavesich, in an advertisement for its product. A supposed testimonial accompanied Pavesich's picture: "In my healthy and productive period of life I bought insurance in the New England Mutual Life Insurance Co., of Boston, Mass., and to-day my family is protected and I am drawing an annual dividend on my paid-up policies." Pavesich had never purchased life insurance from the company, nor had he agreed to the use of his image, which had been obtained from a local photographer. He filed suit complaining that the advertisement caused him great embarrassment among his friends. The court, in finding for Pavesich, recognized his interest as stemming from the right to control his privacy: "The right to withdraw from the public gaze at such times as a person may see fit, when his presence in public is not demanded by any rule of law, is also embraced within the right of personal liberty." The *Pavesich* case marked the first time that a judicial decision explicitly respected the right of publicity.

Although these early cases and the legislation they spawned were sufficient to address the concerns of private individuals seeking to stay out of the public eye, they were ill suited to the needs of another group of individuals—those who wanted to control (and profit from) the marketing of their image. In 1953, the case of *Haelan Laboratories, Inc. v. Topps Chewing Gum, Inc.* illustrated this limitation. The case arose from the fact that baseball players had granted Haelan Laboratories, a chewing gum company, the exclusive right to feature their pictures on baseball cards. Another chewing gum company, Topps, subsequently produced its own baseball cards with pictures of the same players. Although the state of New York had a statutory right of privacy at that time, it did not cover this situation. The right of privacy could not be asserted by Haelan since that right was seen as personal to the baseball players and not assignable. As for the players, they had already waived their reputational interest when they consented to appear on Haelan's cards; their privacy could not have been harmed by the subsequent exposure, and therefore they could not sue on their own behalf.

To address this difficulty, and to bring the right of publicity more in line with market realities, the New York court moved away from viewing the right of publicity as a purely personal interest and reframed the interest as being more akin to property, and thus capable of assignment: "We think that in addition to and independent of that right of privacy . . . a man has a right in the publicity value of his

photograph. . . . Whether it be labelled a 'property' right is immaterial; for here, as often elsewhere, the tag 'property' simply symbolizes the fact that courts enforce a claim which has pecuniary worth."

This conceptual shift—from a personal interest to a property interest—may have seemed nominal at the time, but over the past 57 years, the effects have been dramatic. *Haelan Laboratories, Inc. v. Topps Chewing Gum, Inc.* began a transformation of the legal landscape that paved the way for a new billion-dollar industry in the marketing of celebrity identities.

SEVERAL FACTORS HELPED FUEL THE growth of this marketplace. First, it is relatively easy to assert rights with respect to property interests. To enforce a claim of invasion of privacy, an individual has to prove that he or she has suffered damages as a result of the invasion. When it comes to property interests, however, the law essentially presumes damages any time a person's property is used without permission.

Moreover, once the right of publicity was designated as a property interest, it could be transferred to others (sold during life or passed on through a will). Eventually, perhaps inevitably, publicity interests began to be held and developed as corporate assets.

To get a sense of the extent of this phenomenon, one need look no further than Indianapolis-based CMG Worldwide (Indiana, not coincidentally, offers some of the most extensive protections for the right of publicity in the nation). CMG owns the publicity rights to hundreds of individuals, including, in the words of its chief executive, "the greatest legends in history." Among these are the actors James Dean, Ingrid Bergman, Bette Davis, and Marlon Brando, musicians such as Duke Ellington, Chuck Berry, Ella Fitzgerald, Billie Holiday, and Don McLean, and sports greats Babe Ruth, Jackie Robinson, Joe Louis, Lou Gehrig, and Jesse Owens. Other CMG "clients" include Malcolm X, Rosa Parks, Amelia Earhart, Lee Strasberg, Mark Twain, and Frank Lloyd Wright.

Since the days of the first baseball cards, the right of publicity has expanded in scope to protect far more than a person's image. As legal scholar Rosemary J. Coombe has described the transition:

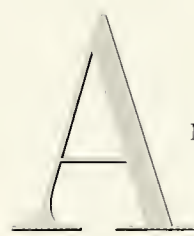
The right of publicity . . . now extends to a person's nickname, signature, physical pose, characterizations, singing style, vocal characteristics, body parts, frequently used phrases, car, performance style, mannerisms, and gestures.

provided that these are distinctive and publicly identified with the person claiming the right.

Today, virtually anything suggestive of a famous person is likely protected by the right of publicity. For example, the late-night talk show host Johnny Carson successfully sued to stop a portable toilet company from using the phrase “Here’s Johnny,” and the *Wheel of Fortune* television model Vanna White succeeded in shutting down a commercial for Samsung in which a robot in an evening dress and blonde wig turned letters on a mock game show. The singer Bette Midler brought an end to a Ford Motor Company advertisement featuring a chanteuse who encroached on her singing style, and Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis was able to enjoin a Christian Dior advertisement that used a look-alike model.

When the right of publicity was a personal, reputational right, it ended at an individual’s death. However, when it became an economic interest—and could be sold—pressure grew from families, corporations, individuals, and their lawyers to endow it with another attribute of property—transferability at death.

Today most states provide, by either statute or common law, that the right of publicity survives the deceased. The durations favored by these states range from 10 years to a century. The most common provision, however, is 50 years. Tennessee (former home of Elvis Presley) provides for a potentially endless duration because it allows the right of publicity to continue so long as there is commercial exploitation of it.

 AMERICAN LAW HAS EVOLVED A CURIOUS-ly split personality with regard to reputation after death—and this is true whether legislators or judges have taken the lead. Where reputational interests blend with or have been converted into property interests, the law has moved toward granting greater rights to the deceased (through their assignees), regardless of the costs and constraints this may impose on the living. But in the areas of law most directly concerned with reputation—defamation and privacy—we strictly adhere to the position that a person has no interests after death.

Consider a Louisiana case several years ago involving the murder of a husband and wife by one of their six children. As if the event were not lurid enough, a television station reporting on it added the following tidbit: “In an odd twist to this story, sources close to the investigation say that David Johnson, Sr., and his wife Ruby were also twins, brother and sister.” This remarkable detail was false, and the other

children of the murder victims brought a defamation suit against the station on behalf of their deceased parents. However, the court ruled that no claim could be made because the parents’ reputations no longer existed. “Once a person is dead,” the decision reads, “there is no extant reputation to injure or for the law to protect.”

It is commonly argued that the law of defamation (the umbrella term for the legal claims of libel and slander) need not extend beyond life because a dead person is beyond harm or benefit. But what about family members and other loved ones? Surely they suffer when falsehoods are published. Nonetheless, the law is clear that family members cannot sue for defamation of loved ones (whether alive or dead).

State legislatures periodically have taken up proposals that would allow defamation claims to survive the deceased, but these attempts have largely been unsuccessful. In 1986, for example, the New York legislature considered adopting a statute whereby family members could bring a defamation claim within five years of a person’s death. The bill was considered in a variety of forms over multiple years, but it never passed. To date, the only state to enact any protections against defamation of the dead is Rhode Island. However, the Rhode Island protections are extremely limited—applying only to remarks made in an obituary within three months of a person’s death.

A dead person’s living intentions with respect to property are protected through the legal system of probate, which appoints a representative of the deceased’s wishes for the limited time necessary to distribute the estate. There is no similar system for tending to a person’s reputation. As legal scholar J. Thomas McCarthy observes, it is a settled principle of American law that “pop history writers and gossip magazines [can] roar away about the dead. . . . If offspring and relatives are upset, their remedy is to respond with the truth.”

In recent years one notable exception has emerged. It involves government releases of information to the public under the federal Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and similar statutes at the state level. FOIA contains a privacy exception that allows the government to refrain from disclosing items that might violate a person’s right to privacy. This exception enables the government to withhold individual tax returns, as well as other material considered to be personal, from release to the public at large. Generally speaking, the privacy exception in FOIA does not protect the interests of people who are no longer living. In 2004, however, the Supreme Court considered application of the exception to death-scene photographs of the body of Vince Foster, President Clinton’s deputy counsel, after Foster purportedly committed suicide. The Court ruled that although Foster himself no longer had a right of privacy (because he

was dead), his family was entitled to use the privacy protections of FOIA to keep the images from being divulged. In issuing this ruling, the Court made clear that it was protecting not the dead per se but the interests of the living.

A similar analysis was used to avoid disclosing tapes of 911 emergency calls made by dying victims of the 2003 Station nightclub fire in West Warwick, Rhode Island, as well as the dying words of callers to 911 emergency opera-

this expansion has served to increase the economic value of copyrights, it has not been without costs. The extension of copyright has limited public access to creative output and curtailed the creation of other works.

Many Americans were surprised, for example, when the family of Martin Luther King, Jr., sued *USA Today* in 1993 for publishing the “I Have a Dream” speech without first paying for it. They were even more surprised when

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tors on September 11, 2001, from the World Trade Center towers.

Although these cases may seem to extend privacy protections to family members, it is important to note that they only limit access to information held by a government. Courts continue to refuse to recognize general privacy claims brought by relatives of the dead against other, private entities.



WHenever the law provides the means for enforcing an individual's wishes beyond the moment of death—whether with respect to body parts, property, or reputation—it gives to the deceased a degree of immortality, as well as some measure of power over the living. And so the question should be asked: Does it make sense that the law permits publication of the most intimate facts of a dead person's life—publication of lies, even—yet printing the same person's image on a T-shirt or greeting card can be controlled for decades?

Like the right of publicity, copyright has grown in scope and duration. In the earliest days of the republic, copyright applied only to books, maps, and charts and lasted for just 14 years. Today copyright applies to all creative expressions and gives control over the original as well as all derivative works until 70 years after the death of the creator. Although

the paper compensated the estate \$1,700 in settlement. The family has exerted a stranglehold on King's image and words. Even the foundation that is building a memorial to Dr. King on the National Mall has been required to pay for the use of his words and image in its fundraising materials—some \$800,000 as of April 2009. When publicity rights are owned by corporate entities with large legal departments, enforcement can be even more aggressive.

America grants more rights to the dead than any other country in the world. And over the course of our history, these rights have increased significantly. Why? In part, the reason has to do with the incremental, almost stealthy, nature of change in the laws: The overarching trend has gone unnoticed because the evolution has occurred in discreet areas of the law and often at the state level.

No doubt there are cultural reasons as well. As the British historian Arnold Toynbee wrote in 1968: “For Americans, death is un-American and an affront to every citizen's inalienable right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.” Given Americans' anti-death stance, it is not surprising that American law has embraced rules that would deny death its ultimate power.

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Senior moments

Photographs by Gary Wayne Gilbert





In the fall of 2006, *BCM* photographer Gary Wayne Gilbert created portraits of six members of the Class of 2010 during their first semester as freshmen. He repeated the process just about four years later, in the spring of their senior year, framing their time at Boston College. This April, *BCM* also gave the seniors a wide-ranging questionnaire, seeking answers they likely didn't have in September 2006. Posing on the steps of Burns Library for their only group photo are these seniors, from left: Maria Perez, Marlon Thompson, Erin Hannah, Joseph Zabinski, Jonathan Flowers, and Sarah Lang. Their portraits and responses follow.

—Thomas Cooper

Maria Perez

Santa Domingo, Dominican Republic, a nursing major (photographed in O'Neill Library)

My parents always say I was born 70 years old. Four years ago, I knew I wanted to be a doctor. You don't usually study nursing while being pre-med, but that was what I was going to do. The nursing dean was able to help me out, bend some rules.

FAVORITE COURSE: Nursing Synthesis Clinical Lab.

FAVORITE EXTRACURRICULAR: Operation Walk Boston, a medical mission providing joint replacements for indigent citizens in my home country of the Dominican Republic. I was able to help with nursing.

FAVORITE PLACE IN BOSTON: The Cambridge-side bank of the Charles River.

FAVORITE PLACE ON CAMPUS: Linden Lane.

MOST MEMORABLE EVENT OF PAST FOUR YEARS: Shaw House summer, between freshman and sophomore year.

BEST GUEST LECTURE YOU ATTENDED: "Facing the Complexity of Health Care" by Atul Gawande.

"SWEET CAROLINE" OR "BUILD ME UP BUTTERCUP": Buttercup.

HILLSIDE OR EAGLES NEST: Hillside.

HOCKEY OR BASKETBALL: Hockey.

PLATO OR ARISTOTLE: Aristotle.

BAPST OR O'NEILL: Theology and Ministry Library.

A TRANSFORMATIONAL MOMENT: In brief, February 7, 2010.

AMBITION: To write a book.

NEXT YEAR: Yale University School of Medicine.





Joseph Zabinski

Latham, New York, a physics and German studies major (photographed outside Lyons Hall)

Physics and German were two things I never studied in high school, so I thought I'd give them a try. Physics is the closest thing to magic that's real—how stars work, why a piece of metal is a big quantum mechanical system.

FAVORITE COURSE: Classical Mechanics, the most difficult and most rewarding class I've taken.

FAVORITE EXTRACURRICULAR: University Wind Ensemble (I play the French horn).

FAVORITE PLACE IN BOSTON: Symphony Hall, or Chinatown.

FAVORITE PLACE ON CAMPUS: The statue of St. Ignatius outside Higgins (and also my current home, Mod 14B).

MOST MEMORABLE EVENT OF PAST FOUR YEARS: BC's win over Virginia Tech in football, 2007—the entire student body flooding the campus in celebration the night before I had a 9 A.M. midterm.

BEST GUEST LECTURE YOU ATTENDED: A talk on sphere packing in higher dimensions. I don't remember the lecturer's name,

but he had some fascinating commentary on the intersection of mathematics and philosophy.

"SWEET CAROLINE" OR "BUILD ME UP BUTTERCUP": Buttercup.

HILLSIDE OR EAGLES NEST: Hillside—for the Fanta ginger ale.

HOCKEY OR BASKETBALL: Basketball, though it's nice to have the best hockey team in the country.

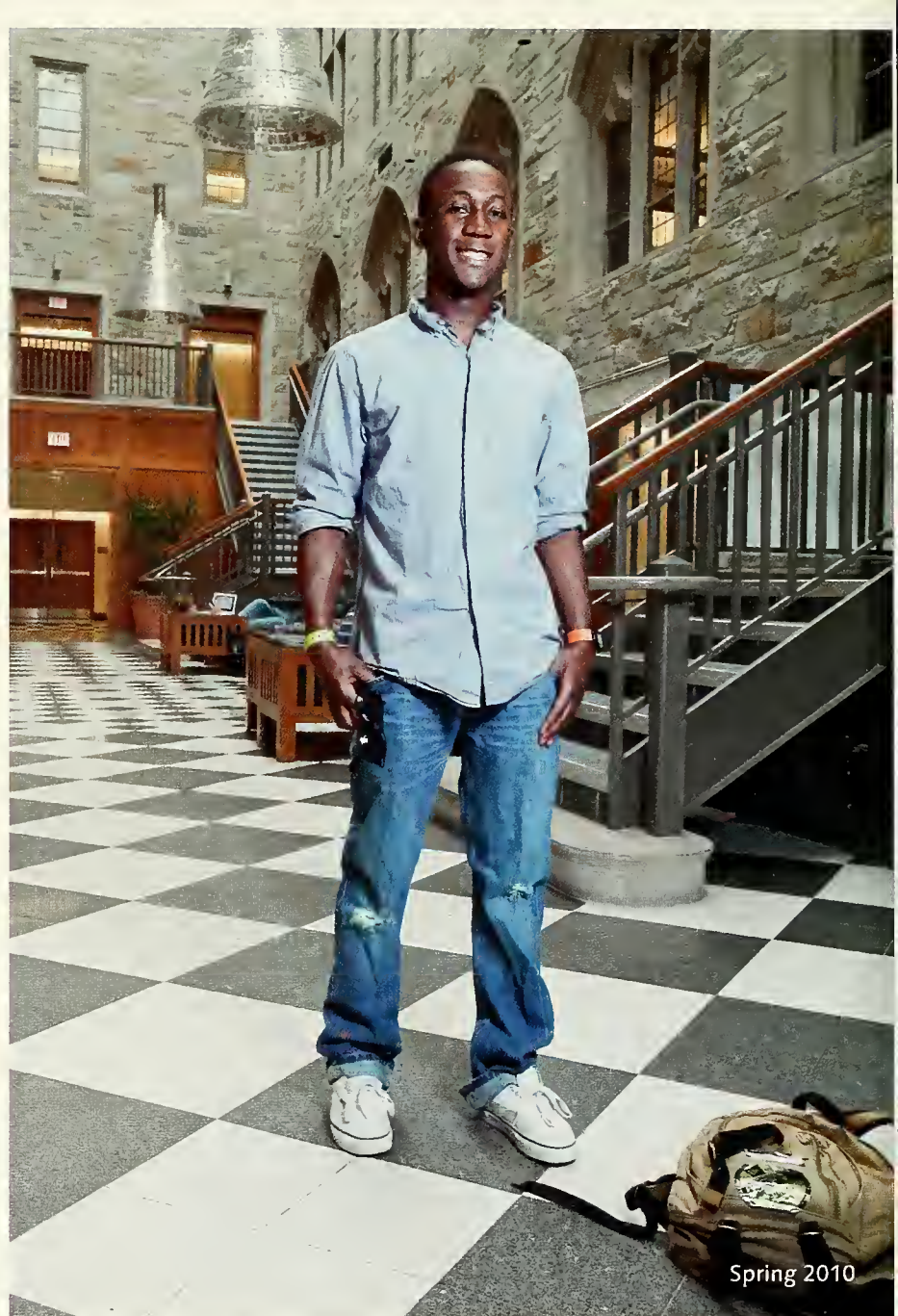
PLATO OR ARISTOTLE: Aristotle (happiness and golden means).

BAPST OR O'NEILL: Bapst—for looking like a library.

A TRANSFORMATIONAL MOMENT: Realizing that it actually is possible to combine physics, music, and German studies in a thesis.

AMBITION: To strive, to connect, to understand, and to help others in ways I haven't yet discovered.

NEXT YEAR: Fulbright Scholarship in Vienna, Austria.



Marlon Thompson

Roxbury, Massachusetts, a finance major (photographed in Fulton Hall)

I imagined I would go into teaching or public service, but I wanted to be in a business school. Because of the Carroll School I've become a more concrete thinker with regard to what actually has to happen for there to be social change.

FAVORITE COURSE: Ethics.

FAVORITE EXTRACURRICULAR: Intramural basketball and Caribbean Culture Club.

FAVORITE PLACE IN BOSTON: The South End.

FAVORITE PLACE ON CAMPUS: The quad.

MOST MEMORABLE EVENT OF PAST FOUR YEARS: All of it has been memorable.

BEST GUEST LECTURE YOU ATTENDED: Spike Lee.

"SWEET CAROLINE" OR "BUILD ME UP BUTTERCUP": Buttercup.

HILLSIDE OR EAGLES NEST: Hillside.

HOCKEY OR BASKETBALL: Basketball, but hockey has done better over the four years I've attended.

PLATO OR ARISTOTLE: Plato.

BAPST OR O'NEILL: Bapst for the scenery, O'Neil to get work done.

A TRANSFORMATIONAL MOMENT: Second semester sophomore year, I got behind, found my focus, and buckled down.

AMBITION: To be successful and give back.

NEXT YEAR: Getting my feet wet in finance, to figure out if it's my calling.

Erin Hannah

Newtonville, Massachusetts, a biology/premed major (photographed outside Bapst Library)

I switched my major four or five times between freshman and sophomore year. I was always in the pre-med program, but I was a music major for a little bit, and I explored history. Right before I changed to biology I was a biology and psychology double-major with a Spanish minor.

FAVORITE COURSE: Human Anatomy.

FAVORITE EXTRACURRICULAR: BC Women's Water Polo Team.

FAVORITE PLACE IN BOSTON: Newbury Street near the Public Garden and the Common.

FAVORITE PLACE ON CAMPUS: The Higgins Hall atrium.

MOST MEMORABLE EVENT OF PAST FOUR YEARS: The first Pops on the Heights I attended with my family sophomore year.

BEST GUEST LECTURE YOU ATTENDED: "The Last Lecture" by Fr. Michael Himes.

"SWEET CAROLINE" OR "BUILD ME UP BUTTERCUP": "Sweet Caroline."

HILLSIDE OR EAGLES NEST: Hillside.

HOCKEY OR BASKETBALL: Basketball, definitely.

PLATO OR ARISTOTLE: Aristotle.

BAPST OR O'NEILL: O'Neill.

A TRANSFORMATIONAL MOMENT: The first BC football game I went to, freshman year. I realized how big the BC community is and how much support our school has. It was overwhelming in a good way, and I think it was the first time I felt like I belonged at BC.

AMBITION: To become an integral part of the health care field and help people in need.

NEXT YEAR: New York City to attend Columbia University Nursing School.



Sarah Lang

Bellevue, Nebraska, a theater and political science major (photographed outside Devlin Hall)

I tutored in a prison after freshman year. It's a majority black population, and you can't walk in there and not think, what's going on? You can't walk around that part of town, or serve at a homeless shelter, and not think, something's going on. And seeing how these guys cycle back into prison. One of the prisoners, who ended up getting his GED, asked me, do you think this is ever going to go away? And I couldn't say, yes, this is going away.

FAVORITE COURSE: Contemporary Theater and Drama with Scott T. Cummings.

FAVORITE EXTRACURRICULAR: Living in the Bonn Studio Theater!

FAVORITE PLACE IN BOSTON: Boston Public Library courtyard.

FAVORITE PLACE ON CAMPUS: Bapst lawn in the sun.

MOST MEMORABLE EVENT OF PAST FOUR YEARS: The first time I stayed in Bapst all night. The sun set through the windows on one side and rose on the other.

BEST GUEST LECTURE YOU ATTENDED: Robert Brustein on *Angels in America* and the state of the American stage.

"SWEET CAROLINE" OR "BUILD ME UP BUTTERCUP": Sweeeet Caroline Whoa-Oh-Oh!

HILLSIDE OR EAGLES NEST: I came for the Eagles Nest chili.

HOCKEY OR BASKETBALL: Don't have much time for either.

PLATO OR ARISTOTLE: Aristotle—slightly more arts friendly.

BAPST OR O'NEILL: BAPST!!!

A TRANSFORMATIONAL MOMENT: My first request for a paper extension, sophomore year.

AMBITION: To love well, honestly, and often.

NEXT YEAR: Teaching in the St. Louis Public School district.





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Jonathan Flowers

Tulsa, Oklahoma, a human development/English major (photographed in O'Neill Library atrium)

Over the past four years, I've had pet interests in everything from number theory to comparative linguistics. I'm proud of all kinds of new skill sets, like cooking. Recently, I started to paint, and my girlfriend taught me how to make beer. I've made six batches.

FAVORITE COURSE: The Whitman Tradition with Kern, Intro to Sign Language with Mulligan, Honors Seminar with Martin.

FAVORITE EXTRACURRICULAR: Sound production for the sketch comedy troupe Hello . . . Shovelhead! Shovelfriends are forever friends.

FAVORITE PLACE IN BOSTON: The Arnold Arboretum in Jamaica Plain.

FAVORITE PLACE ON CAMPUS: That low climbing tree with the pink (I think they're pink) blossoms in the quad.

MOST MEMORABLE EVENT OF PAST FOUR YEARS: Staying up till 6 A.M. in Bath, England, to see Obama accept the nomination.

BEST GUEST LECTURE YOU ATTENDED: Linton Kwesi Johnson performing his dub poetry.

"SWEET CAROLINE" OR "BUILD ME UP BUTTERCUP": Oh, I hate them both.

HILLSIDE OR EAGLES NEST: Hillside.

HOCKEY OR BASKETBALL: Hockey, although I only went to one game.

PLATO OR ARISTOTLE: Plato, but really only because Socrates is such a lovable, crotchety old man.

BAPST OR O'NEILL: O'Neill. I feel like I'm in church in Bapst.

A TRANSFORMATIONAL MOMENT: Each time I visited the Musée d'Orsay in Paris, and hiking in Wales.

AMBITION: To counsel others well and often, to continue my hobbies, to be really happy, and to work.

NEXT YEAR: At BC for a master's in counseling psychology.

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Recycling

By Thomas H. Groome

Old-time religion for these times

I GREW UP ON AN IRISH FARM THAT had a bog across the way. The bog provided good turf to heat the homes of the local people. But gradually it got cut away and went into disuse, and there it lay, soggy and overgrown. The government launched what it called a reclamation project to drain it and clear it. When the work was done, the bog provided fertile soil for vegetables and fruit—and that was my first encounter with the word *reclaim*.

The American Catholic community prior to the Second Vatican Council in 1962–65 can be numbered among the most vital expressions of Catholicism in the history of the Church. It was a vast network of vibrant parishes, with myriad associations and organizations and overflowing Sunday Mass attendance; it boasted as many as eight million students enrolled in Catholic schools, the largest independent educational system in the

history of the world. Across the country, there were Church-sponsored coalitions of hospitals and social services, and, with American seminaries and novitiates thriving, there were priests, sisters, and brothers enough to export thousands as missionaries. Catholics must have been doing something very right back then.

To reclaim key perspectives and practices from that era would be neither nostalgic nor naïve. And it would not mean to repeat, without reservation or imagination, what was. This is now, and that was then. Yet, it is surely true that reclaiming spiritual wisdom from the pre-Vatican II era can enrich the faith lives of Catholics today.

In what scholars identify as a “summary statement,” Jesus says in the Gospel of Matthew (13:52), “Every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings



Digital rosaries for sale in Vatican City in 2007

forth from the storeroom both the new and the old.” That message—of a Christian faith of enduring vitality—is echoed in Jesus’s conversation with the Samaritan woman at the well (John 4:10–14), when Jesus promises her, and Christians ever after, that his Gospel will be like fresh waters, “welling up to eternal life.”

MOST CATHOLICS WHO CAME OF AGE prior to 1962 experienced Vatican II as what Pope John XXIII said it would be, a monumental *aggiornamento*—updating and renewing—of the Church, or as John quipped informally, “an opening of the window to let in fresh air.” Later, Pope John Paul II hailed the council as “a providential event,” one of “utmost importance in the two-thousand-year history of the Church,” and the “beginning of a new era.” Yet the whole project might be summarized as a reclaiming, from the early

Christian communities, of the radical theology of baptism—radical in that baptism is the root (Latin, *radix*) of who Christians are and should be as disciples of Jesus.

Vatican II took seriously our baptismal bonding with Jesus Christ as “priest, prophet, and ruler.” In the pews and on the altar, this was experienced as a transformed and participatory liturgy, emphasizing both word and sacrament and celebrated in the local language; as a heightened attention to the Church’s social teachings, making clear the mandate of faith to do God’s will for justice and peace, “on earth as it is done in heaven”; and as a penetrating awareness of the communal nature of the Church to be a “body of Christ,” a community of co-responsible sharers in Jesus’s mission. Additional developments would include ecumenical outreach to other Christians, interfaith dialogue with other religions,

the renewal of religious life, and the emergence of parish and diocesan councils (a first seed of democracy). For younger generations of Catholics, all this and more is taken for granted; but for those of us of prior vintage, Vatican II was an earthquake with 40 years of aftershocks. The typical Catholic then did not recognize the deep continuity with the treasury of Christian tradition. Many experienced instead a great discontinuity with custom.

Almost overnight, we went from the priest who began Mass with his back to the people and his face toward an imposing altar, whispering in Latin, to the priest who greets congregants across a table with a cheery “good morning” and an invitation to worship together. The Catholic Church entered the council referring to Protestants as “heretics” and came out calling them “our brothers and sisters in Christ.” Such changes were bound to feel traumatic.

In hindsight, many of the changes were poorly catechized and often overstated to the point that people heard only a call to abandon old ways. When the Church decided, for example, to suspend the law of Friday abstinence outside Lent, Catholics should have been encouraged to continue the weekly practice of giving up meat as good ascetical discipline (indeed, the 1966 papal document announcing the change urged as much). Instead, the message most often was, "It's no longer a sin to eat meat on Fridays," and a tradition dating back to the early centuries was simply abandoned. We have time yet to reclaim that practice and, while not placing it under "pain of sin," to continue it voluntarily, as an opportunity to express solidarity with the poor and remember the Lord's crucifixion on Good Friday.

Among adolescent and young adult Catholics, there is a phenomenon now of returning to practices of pre-Vatican II Catholicism. It arises out of a growing feeling that their baby-boomer parents may have deprived them of something valuable by setting aside too many of the old Catholic ways. The risk, however, is that young Catholics will simply repeat past practices rather than build on accumulated wisdom in reclaiming them. Consider devotion to Mary. The Church after Vatican II rightly re-centered Catholics' focus on Jesus, on sacred Scripture, and on the liturgy—with reforms that reduced the sometimes excessive attention to Mary in Catholic piety. Now, with those reforms well in place, we have an opportunity to reclaim authentic Marian devotion for our time, with a Mariology that more surely fosters discipleship to Jesus.

The intent should be creative appropriation. The Rosary, with its multiple repetitions of the Hail Mary, so long a cherished custom of Catholics but recently fallen off in practice, offers a prime example. It is worth reclaiming; its mantra-like rhythm and contemplative aspect could be a gentling prayer practice in our busy world. In this, Pope John Paul II led the way. He affirmed the Rosary as "a treasure to be rediscovered," yet he recognized its limitations: namely, that the traditional sets of mysteries (joyful, sorrowful, glorious) that framed the original prayer cycles focused

exclusively on the Christ of faith, skipping entirely the public life of Jesus. From the "Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple" (the fifth joyful mystery), they jumped to the "Agony in the Garden" (the first sorrowful mystery).

In 2002, John Paul II added the "Mysteries of Light"—five moments from the public ministry of Jesus. The events he chose were Jesus's baptism, the wedding at Cana, Jesus's proclamation of the Kingdom of God as recorded in Mark 1: 14–15, his transfiguration before Peter, John, and James as he prayed on a mountaintop, and the institution of the Eucharist.

This is the kind of appreciative, critical,

and creative reclaiming that is wanted as we return to the storeroom of our faith to find treasures old and new. ■

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"Do Over," a One Question video interview with Thomas Groome, can be seen at Full Story, www.bc.edu/bcm

Raison d'art

By Ron Hansen

Seeing into the middle of things

Extreme attention is what constitutes the creative faculty in us, and the only extreme attention is religious.

—Simone Weil

A FRIEND WHO'S A PSYCHOTHERAPIST once told me she thought the foremost reason that people marry was not loneliness or lust or security. Rather, they yearn to be fully known by a husband or wife and to share in the intimate gift of fully knowing another.

We seek a deep and perceptive insight into ourselves that we can only get through intimacy with another, and we read fictional narratives and memoirs for just that reason. "For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then we shall see face to face: now I know only in part; but then shall I know fully even as I have been fully known," St. Paul wrote to the Christians in Corinth. We have in front of us guises, personae, and outward appearances. We yearn for the *secret* life of our times. We yearn to "see face to face."

I researched the physiology of sight and found that only in the most limited way do our eyes function like cameras. Right behind the iris and pupil is a lens that focuses images, upside down, onto the retina at the rear of the eye. There is the equivalent of an exposure setting at work so that we can note fine details in enough sunshine, and at night gradually adjust to the darkness and fuzzily recognize shapes, but not in color. Like cameras we can change the focal length of the lenses by squeezing or widening the internal optics. We have no shutters, of course. We do not lock onto an image. We scan it. Even when we presume we're staring and the image is fixed, we're actually shifting our focus so that varying measures of light will hit the retina and cause it to zap signals along the optic nerve into the brain, refreshing and updating the image at such great speed that we perceive our vision as seamless. When we speak of seeing, we're speaking of the hard mental activity of decoding, for we *see* through pattern recognition. We collect nuanced



Adam and Eve Leave Eden (1973), by American folk artist John William Dey

notes about edges, shapes, colors, and motion, and we work at interpreting them, at recognizing what's right in front of us, a mental process that uses up an estimated 40 percent of our at-rest caloric consumption.

In *Pilgrim at Tinker Creek* (1974), Annie Dillard noted the experiences of those Western surgeons who first performed cataract operations on the blind. Doctors found that patients who could recognize and name forms such as a cube or sphere with their hands or tongues could not relate that tactile information to what was held in front of them when they finally could see. A girl recorded the sensations all infants must have, of registering nothing but many patches of brightness. Another patient reported that he now saw only a field of light, "in which everything appeared dull, confused, and in motion."

Distances were puzzling. Thomas Aquinas once stated that we are born with the faculty to recognize that the sun is not the size of an orange, but this seems not to be the case. We each learn that skill as babies, by grabbing some things near at hand while failing to do so with whatever is far away. For the grownups whose eyes were operated on, everything had seemed closer, their houses cozier, when they were blind. A world static and small when they were non-seeing was suddenly overwhelming in its chaos and size.

Some postoperative grownups became humiliatedly aware that they had been visible always and that their privacy had been invaded over the years by anyone who

looked in their direction. Some preferred to shut their eyes at home in order to walk about in their old way. Doctors noticed a loss of serenity as the newly sighted now groomed themselves, envied others, sought false and misleading appearances, even lied and stole.

But there were others among the newly sighted who were agreeably stunned by the variety and richness of the world, one girl recording her astonishment that each person she looked at had a recognizably different face. Another could only gasp, "Oh God! How beautiful!"

Dillard notes that we see "within the range of only about 30 percent of the light that comes from the sun; the rest is infrared and some little ultraviolet, perfectly apparent to many animals, but invisible to me."

I owned a cat named Skeeze that would stare with fascination at nothing at all, insofar as I could tell, but perhaps Skeeze was seeing some of that 70 percent of "whatever" that was unavailable to me. I have no idea what I'm missing in those colors I am unable to discern, but the quest to see ever more seems a characteristic human trait. We are predatory in that way. And as biologist Bruce Boff has pointed out, "Colors do not exist in the material world. Photons of different wavelengths do." An immaterial mind, or consciousness, or soul "converts whatever happens physically in the brain into our perceptions, including color."

In a journal entry by the 19th-century British Jesuit poet Gerard Manley

Hopkins, the writer famously noted that "what you look hard at seems to look hard at you."

Hopkins probably got that notion via the Oxford University art historian John Ruskin, whose 1857 handbook *The Elements of Drawing* was a bestseller in England when Hopkins was a schoolboy and which inspired Gerard's enthusiasm for recording the natural world.

Just as 19th-century science had acquired the habit of classifying, closely watching, and exactly recording the attributes and activities of flora and fauna, so Ruskin urged those who would be educated to find the grand significance in even seemingly inconsequential and transitory realities.

In *The Poem as Sacrament* (2000), Philip Ballinger maintains that Ruskin "approached the theological in his belief that only an impartial, intense, and fearless seeing leads to 'noble emotion' which in turn leads to a revelation of nature as God's work," his "holy book." Ruskin held that "all great art is praise" and that faithful observation of the facts of existence would result in fresh disclosures of the Holy Being.

Hopkins seems to have written no poetry that counted from 1867, when he graduated from Oxford University, to December 1875, when the tragic loss at sea of five nuns exiled from Germany inspired him to compose "The Wreck of the Deutschland." But in those eight years of elected silence, Hopkins was journaling about a natural world that he observed with reverence, just as Ruskin recommended.

This is from his journal of a vacation on the Isle of Man in August 1872: "Again to Port Soderick. This time it was a beautiful day. I looked down from the cliffs at the sea breaking on the rocks at high-water of a spring tide—first, say, it is an install of green marble knotted with ragged white, then fields of white lather, the comb of the wave richly clustered and crisped in breaking, then it is broken small and so unfolding till it runs in threads and thrums twitching down the backdraught to the sea again." In another entry, he describes "one little square house cushioned up in a thatched grove of green like a man with an earache."

In his journals and in his poetry,

Hopkins saw into the middle of things. Seeing gave rise to feeling, and closely observed actualities gave rise to religious emotion, as in his famous hymn to creation, "Pied Beauty":

Glory be to God for dappled things—
For skies of couple-colour as a brindled cow;
For rose-moles all in stipple upon trout that
swim;
Fresh-firecoal chestnut-falls; finches' wings;
Landscape plotted and pieced—fold, fallow,
and plough;
And all trades, their gear and tackle and
trim.

All things counter, original, spare, strange;
Whatever is fickle, freckled (who knows
how?)
With swift, slow; sweet, sour; adazzle, dim;
He fathers-forth whose beauty is past
change:
Praise him.

Seeing is relational. Jewish philosopher Martin Buber would explore that idea in his classic *I and Thou* (1923), in which he pictured a tree as a pillar with flowing green leaves in a flood of light, a species in "infinite commerce with earth and air."

Buber wrote, "Throughout all of this the tree remains my object and has its place and its time span, its kind and condition. But it can also happen, if will and grace are joined, that as I contemplate the tree I am drawn into relation, and the tree ceases to be an It. The power of exclusiveness has seized me . . . The tree is no impression, no play of my imagination, no aspect of a mood; it confronts me bodily and has to deal with me as I must deal with it—only differently. One should not try to dilute the meaning of the relation: Relation is reciprocity."

Relation and reciprocity are features of all our contacts with the arts. We view or read or hear and our first step is generally acceptance, welcoming any presence of beauty, willing to be moved, hoping for the best, which is friendship with the piece. Our secondary impulse is evaluation. Early humans needed to conjure decisions on the basis of hunger and fear, to conjure if what they saw was food or a predator and if they should fight or flee. There is still a vital presence of friend or foe in our encounters, but now, with art,

we are judging whether it dangerously opposes our values and attitudes or is just something we can comfortably ignore. And the third step is often that of self-inquiry—examination of conscience, if you will. Why did I react that way? Was I fair? How was I delighted or offended? Seeing—that is, intelligent sensing—is always transactional.

I have had the experience of picking up a book, reading a few pages, and loathing it. And then just a few years later, giving it another chance and wondering just what it was I so disliked earlier. Each page now seems touched with genius.

And there is a corollary experience of recollecting a gorgeous passage in a book, hunting for it, and finding it isn't there; I have fantasized it. We are co-creators of the works of art we view or hear or read. I have had people recite to me quotations from my books, and there's frequently a word or phrase that's just plain wrong. And I generally find that a good thing, because it demonstrates that their own equally creative imagination was engaged: that they read what was on the page, but took away what was changed but meaningful to them.

Ingmar Bergman's film adaptation of Mozart's *The Magic Flute* begins with an overture during which the camera simply roams over the faces of expectant people in an opera audience. We, as an audience ourselves, have no place to go, so we watch the faces as the overture plays, and we find in our attentiveness, in Bergman's attentiveness, that all those faces are interesting. Mozart's music, their rapt expressions, and even the peculiarities and flaws of physiognomy united in a harmony, call it a chord, that included those of us in the movie theater seats, and I recall feeling happiness, a joy in community. And I realized I needed to look closer at the world.

Simone Weil wrote, "Those who are unhappy have no need for anything in this world but people capable of giving them their attention." She meant there was a holiness, whose expression was joy and sympathy and self-giving, for those who have not just focused on but related to a person, an object, or an idea.

A final story about seeing: In Genesis, right after Adam and Eve eat the forbidden fruit of the tree of the knowledge of

good and evil, "they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves." God calls out, "Where are you?" and Adam seemingly skulks from behind the scenery and into view, squeamishly replying, "I heard the sound of you in the garden and I was afraid because I was naked, and I hid myself."

In the sly, funny, insightful way of folk art, the birth of human self-consciousness is here displayed, and the fruitless efforts at escape from our all-seeing God is given its origin. Adam has the temerity to be truthful at first, but he almost immediately shirks from responsibility, coldly identifying Eve as "the woman whom you gave to be with me," and ratting her out as the initiator of their sin.

I find the rest of the fable, in which a wrathful God evicts Adam and Eve from paradise and condemns them to labor and pain, far less interesting than the first part of the story and its expression of the psychological reality that the Spirit of God frequently calls out to us: "Where are you?" It's still a human tendency to hide or avoid contact with God, feel ashamed, claim no responsibility for our lives and sins, assuming that he congratulates us on our successes but would just as soon not see us in our ugliness, pettiness, weakness.

To overlook means both to view from on high, in panorama, and to forgive or ignore indulgently. The gift of the arts, whether narrative or representative is similarly doubled. First, the arts overlook our lives just as God does, giving us a sense of overview and a welcome and generous attention to our elations, our fears, our sins, our yearnings, and our plights. Second, the arts allow us to let us see others in their most unprotected moments, the moments in which they are fallow ground, ready to be cultivated or not, under our watchful and caring eyes. ■

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Ron Hansen's talk can be seen at Full Story, www.bc.edu/bcm

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From the Bapst Art Library

Each semester, the Bapst Art Library hosts exhibitions of student work in its first floor art gallery. *David*, an oil-on-canvas painting (30 x 36 inches) by Kelly McConnaughey '10, was one of 25 pieces exhibited by 16 students at the 2010 winter student show. McConnaughey, a philosophy and studio art major, was the show's featured artist.





The tangled creation of historical fact—a scene from Congress, 1798, Philadelphia

A MORE PERFECT UNION?

By David Reich

Credit John Hancock's gout

EDITOR OR AUTHOR OF MORE THAN 25 BOOKS, WINNER of a National Book Award and two Pulitzer Prizes (including for his 1967 *Ideological Origins of the American Revolution*), holder of two endowed chairs at Harvard University, the historian Bernard Bailyn, having lived around Boston for 50-some years, made his first visit to Boston College on the afternoon of March 9. He came to give a whimsical but substantive lecture titled “How Historians Get It Wrong: The American Constitution, for Example,” which was sponsored by the Clough Center for the Study of Constitutional Democracy and which took place in Fulton 511.

Wearing reading glasses borrowed from an audience mem-

ber—he had left his own specs behind in the car—the emeritus professor, a fit-looking 87-year-old, started by announcing that, despite his lecture’s title, he didn’t intend to waste much breath on the question of bias-free history writing, and whether it was achievable. “Inert facts,” he said flatly, “don’t exist. Sources are never as fully developed as we would like. Some that have survived are the product of someone’s prejudice who preserved them to influence the historical record.”

What really troubles Bailyn is “something quite different,” he said. “It’s simply that we know as historians how it all came out, and people in the past had no way of knowing.” Because they’ve

seen the outcome of a struggle, historians, he said, often write as if that outcome were inevitable, when it actually resulted from the interplay of personalities, accidents of timing, political pressures, pragmatic and sometimes unseemly deals, and all sorts of other contingencies.

Take the U.S. Constitution, a document we look upon as if it were handed down from on high. “None of it was inevitable,” Bailyn said. “It could have taken a totally different form, and

What troubles Bailyn is that “we know as historians how it all came out, and people in the past had no way of knowing.” Historians often write as if an outcome were inevitable, when it actually resulted from the interplay of personalities, accidents of timing, unseemly deals, and all sorts of other contingencies.

some of it could have failed, and some of it did fail—the Electoral College, for example, which never worked as it was designed.” Constitutional provisions that “now seem logically necessary were decided in confusion—seem to have been decided almost casually,” he said.

He cited the debate over the size of the military. Constitutional convention delegate Elbridge Gerry, of Massachusetts, driven by a fear of government power that was widespread in the nation’s early years, proposed an army numbering two or three thousand. Other delegates countered an army that small would leave the country open to attack by foreign enemies. Unable to find a compromise, the convention eventually threw up its hands, leaving it to Congress to determine the size of the military indirectly, through its budgetary powers.

Perhaps the best-known part of the Constitution—the 10 amendments we call collectively the Bill of Rights—was adopted as a result of assorted contingencies, some germane and some whose relevance can be questioned, said Bailyn. The idea of a bill of rights, popular outside the convention hall, had twice been put before the delegates, and twice been defeated unanimously. In the end, no such bill was included in the Constitution that went out for ratification by the states, because the delegates felt, according to Bailyn, that “to enumerate certain rights would be prejudicial to those that were not enumerated.” Yet despite this so-called problem of enumeration, said Bailyn, in the months after the convention “the clamor for the Bill of Rights only grew.”

Eventually the framer and future president James Madison realized that without the addition, the Constitution would never be ratified, and he switched positions in favor of the Bill of Rights. But Madison and his allies, known as Federalists, faced a political conundrum: The state ratification conventions couldn’t amend the Constitution; they could only vote it up or down as written. To add the Bill of Rights before ratification would require a whole new

constitutional convention, delaying ratification, perhaps forever. Thus, the state conventions, Bailyn said, “would have to be persuaded to accept the idea of recommended amendments”—that is, amendments the conventions would recommend to the future Congress. “But this seemed like a risk,” he pointed out, “because who knew what the first Congress would do?”

In the end, ratification came down to trust, and to a few states such as Massachusetts, where on the eve of the state ratification convention Governor John Hancock was still undecided—and suffering from an attack of gout. In return for his support for ratification, Bailyn said, “the Federalists proposed a deal. They would support Hancock’s reelection as governor . . . and possibly his election as president if George Washington failed to stand. This proposal had a remarkable effect on Hancock’s gout.” Hancock gave his endorsement in a speech at the state convention, ratification followed, and before long we had a constitution, and eventually a bill of rights.

The problem of enumeration, originally seen as an argument against the Bill of Rights, was solved with the adoption of the Ninth Amendment, which specifies that rights not enumerated in the Constitution may be “retained by the people.” Though it got scant attention in the nation’s first 150 years, the amendment, with its expansive notion of rights, has more recently helped fuel debates in the Supreme Court over such questions as abortion, sodomy laws, and contraception, Bailyn said. “Nothing could have been more important,” he added, yet Congress barely debated the Ninth Amendment before approving it.

At the end of the lecture, Bailyn took questions from the audience of 65, mostly students, with a sprinkling of faculty members from across the University, including the Law School, as well as from Harvard and Boston University. Of the questions asked, several had to do with the Second Amendment, which protects the right to bear arms. The amendment has figured in two contentious Supreme Court cases in the last two years. At issue was whether the right to bear arms belongs to individual citizens or only to the state militias—nowadays known as the National Guard.

Bailyn came down squarely on the militia side, in contrast to the Supreme Court majority in the 2008 case *District of Columbia v. Heller*. (Oral arguments in the second gun rights case, *McDonald v. City of Chicago*, took place a week before Bailyn’s lecture.) The Second Amendment, Bailyn argued, arose from the same fears that had animated Elbridge Gerry’s efforts to limit the size of the national army. The framers, he said, “were afraid of standing armies, janissaries, or the president forming a palace guard, and they were looking for armed protection against that. The individual right to bear arms wasn’t the issue.”

But the Second Amendment, by a malign twist of fate, was worded “a little ambiguously,” he said. “If they’d worded it a little differently, there would never have even been a discussion.” ■



From left: Thakoon's kimono dress; wool crepe dress by Maria Pinto; H&M sundress

DESIGN WISE

By Mary Tomer '03

How Michelle Obama helped me through my quarter-life crisis and put American women in cardigans

NOT LONG AFTER I ARRIVED AT BOSTON COLLEGE FROM Ohio, my freshman roommate went through my closet and pointed out the clothes that shouldn't see the light of day. These included a pair of Gap overalls and some high-heeled clogs that might actually be in style at the moment but in 1999 definitely were not.

I was no fashionista. I was, however, good at math. I majored in it, and after graduation I moved to Los Angeles to teach it at a school in Watts with Teach for America. I quickly discovered that while I had the math skills, managing a classroom of middle-school children was not my strength or my passion. By the end of the five-week training program, I'd decided to move back to Boston, where a private equity firm hired me as a financial reporting assistant.

Before long, I was again feeling miserable. I'd hit the quarter-life crisis—that "what have I done with my college education, why am I so unhappy" condition—and at the time it seemed epic. The activities I enjoyed most were extracurricular: writing culture pieces for a local blog and learning printmaking at the Museum of Fine Arts.

Advertising occurred to me as a logical way to combine my

artistic interests with my business background. I started at a firm in Boston, where I stayed for a year, and then, in 2005, joined Bartle Bogle Hegarty (BBH) in New York. I was 24 and in my third job in less than three years. I had no money and no connections. Thus far, my career had been remarkably unremarkable.

Then in 2008 came the presidential contest between Barack Obama and John McCain. On August 25, the first night of the Democratic National Convention, Michelle Obama delivered the primetime address. I listened to her talk about her family and the significance of her husband's candidacy, but at the same time I was mesmerized by her outfit—a teal Maria Pinto sheath dress with a turquoise Erickson Beamon starburst brooch. It had a late fifties, early sixties, *Mad Men*-era feel. Here was a powerful, strong woman with a very feminine, almost romantic sense of style.

I started searching the Internet for a website focused on Michelle Obama and fashion—her outfits, the designers, the materials, the accessories. I found nothing. So the next week, I approached Kevin Roddy, the chief creative officer at BBH. The company has an in-house goal of "encouraging ideas from

any source,” and so, nervously, I proposed starting a blog about Michelle Obama. Roddy immediately gave me the go-ahead. BBH, through its entrepreneurial division, Zag, would host and help design the blog; I would write and edit it, on my own time; we would share revenues. A few weeks later, on September 22, 2008, Mrs-O.org went online, and I, with no connections in fashion, was spending my nights calling and e-mailing designers, blindly asking if the potential First Lady was wearing their clothes.

Early on, the site didn’t attract much attention. On a good day maybe 200 people visited. As the economy collapsed in late 2008 and early 2009, however, the media began to pay attention to Michelle Obama’s interest in affordable brands and discovered my blog. First, there were random notices on other unknown blogs, then mentions on a *Wall Street Journal* blog (October 9, 2008) and a *New York Times* blog (December 4, 2008). One day early in 2009, the *Today Show* called me to ask for an interview, and at about the same time, an editor from a book publisher e-mailed to say she wanted to turn my blog into a book. *Mrs. O: The Face of Fashion Democracy* was published in October 2009 by Center Street.

In the process of writing the book I discovered how tortured our relationship with fashion is in this country, most noticeably in the political arena. Many political women, in their boxy skirt suits, determinedly distance themselves from fashion. Michelle Obama, on the other hand, *uses* fashion, choosing ensembles that appear to send a message—a collegiate style to talk with students, a modern professional look for touring federal agencies. To meet the pope at the Vatican, she dressed head to toe in Moschino, of Milan, one of the best-known fashion houses in a country that considers fashion an essential part of its cultural identity. At a state dinner to honor the Indian prime minister, she wore a gown designed by Naeem Khan, an Indian-American designer. It had been made in India, and Mrs. Obama’s accessories, a sheaf of bangles on her left wrist and a long willow wrap, were also a nod to Indian culture.

At the high end of fashion, Mrs. Obama has gravitated toward designers who value old-world craftsmanship and independent thinking. She has generally eschewed American fashion’s “big names” such as Oscar de la Renta and Donna Karan (although she did wear a Calvin Klein ensemble to the Nobel Peace Prize ceremony). She favors smaller, established ateliers and rising American designers like Jason Wu and Thakoon Panichgul. The charm of her style lies in her democratic sense of fashion, in a balance she achieves between high- and low-end designs. She famously wore J. Crew for her appearance on the *Tonight Show* on October 27, 2008, a week before the election. Host Jay Leno jokingly inquired about the cost of her outfit (this in the wake of publicity surrounding Republican vice-presidential candidate Sarah Palin’s expensive new wardrobe), saying “I’m guessing about \$60-grand?”

“Actually,” Mrs. O replied, “we ladies, we know with J. Crew—you can get some good stuff online.” She wears affordable Gap and H&M styles, and average American women have the opportunity to wear some of the same clothes.

And women have responded with enthusiasm. In April 2009, during the G20 economic conference in England, for instance, Mrs. Obama wore J. Crew’s Crystal Constellation cardigan for a visit to a London cancer center with Sarah Brown, wife of Prime Minister Gordon Brown. Photographs of her in the sweater—a

cream-colored 14-gauge cotton knit with three-quarter sleeves and hand-applied clusters of rhinestones, sequins, and glass beads—appeared in the next morning’s U.S. papers. By 10:00 A.M., J. Crew’s website had stopped taking orders. “We’re sorry,” a red-letter message on the site still reads, “This item has been so popular, it has sold out.” ■

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Mary Tomer talks about *Mrs. O* before a Boston College audience, in a video at Full Story, www.bc.edu/bcm

In the winter when I didn't leave

By Skye Shirley '10

not even to drag our Christmas tree
to the curb, my parents walked on Walden
Pond, certain it froze solid. Beneath

the fir's tinsel drapings, my mother unwrapped
the snowshoes: metal polished into mirrors
and straps to hold each sheepskin boot in place.

I cannot remember what I was
that day, which breakfast tea I drank,
which sweater

no, it was months later
when I found photographs of their walk
on water: my mother and father

dancing over snapping turtle pools,
a glimpse of the Fitchburg train
through pitch-pine forest. Only then

when I pressed my palms against the screen
door's metal, carried Easter lily bulbs
to my father and tenderly, in the black soil,

laid each one to rest.

English major Skye Shirley represented Boston College at the annual Greater Boston Intercollegiate Undergraduate Poetry Festival held by the University on April 22. Students from 23 colleges and universities read from their works.



The poetry festival may be viewed at Full Story, www.bc.edu/bcm

Golden Networking Opportunity

Muffie Martin '66, P'96, shared her career expertise with Lisette Garcia '10 (right) and Chelsea Jacobs '10 at "Networking During Challenging Times," a **GOLD (Graduates Of the Last Decade) women's panel discussion and networking session** also open to graduating seniors. A senior project specialist at Partners HealthCare, Martin joined Carol Palmer Winig '88, CPA and partner at Ernst & Young, and Kristin Blount '86, senior vice president and partner at Colliers Meredith & Grew, on the panel. Held on March 24 at the BC Club, the event drew more than 50 young alumni and BC seniors. For more GOLD happenings, visit www.bc.edu/maroonandgold.



Matthew Hakola

A Social Network

Boston College alumni have always been a close-knit bunch but, thanks to the social networking boom, keeping up with friends and the latest from the Heights has never been easier. More than 2,200 alumni have already become fans of the new **Boston College Alumni Connections application on Facebook**. The app provides access to the BC Alumni Online Community, where alumni can update their contact information, search for classmates, access class notes, and view and register for BC events nationwide. Graduates can also post their résumés, receive career-related advice from alumni mentors, and much more. Additionally, those on Twitter can receive regular tweets on the latest alumni news and events—and participate in "Tweagle Tuesday," where alumni are invited to answer a different BC-related question each week. Join alumni on Facebook at www.bc.edu/alumnifacebookapp and on Twitter at www.twitter.com/bcalumni.

New Spirit in Later Life

More than 800 alumni and other attendees explored the spiritual, psychological, social,

and emotional issues associated with growing older during a daylong conference at the Heights on April 10. **"Living the Journey: Spirituality for the Second Half of Life"** focused on life after 40 and drew participants from 25 states, including Alaska, California, and Texas, to lectures and workshops on how the challenges of aging are being redefined by faith and service. Presenters were nearly all BC alumni, faculty, or staff. Hosted by the Alumni Association, among six other BC programs and schools, the conference featured speakers Jennie Chin Hansen '70, H'o8, president of AARP; Fr. Michael Himes, professor of theology; James Lubben, director of the University Institute on Aging; and John J. Shea, OSA, adjunct professor at the School of Theology and Ministry. The University will continue to provide programs of interest to aging Americans and others, including "Autumn Blessings: Spirituality in the Second Half of Life," an online course to be offered this fall through C21 Online: www.bc.edu/c21online. Videos of the keynote addresses from the Living the Journey conference are available online at www.bc.edu/journey.

Pops Reprise

In the 18th rendition of one of Boston College's most popular traditions, the **Pops on the Heights Scholarship Gala** features the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra performing on Friday, September 24, on campus as part of Parents' Weekend. Proceeds from the concert provide scholarships to deserving BC students, and last year's event brought in more than \$2 million. Pops conductor Keith Lockhart will lead the orchestra, and the University Chorale will provide vocal support. Tickets sell out quickly, so reserve your seat today at www.bc.edu/pops.

Newton Tradition

Throughout the years, Newton College alumnae have maintained a tradition of spirited discussion about literary matters through the **Newton College Book Club**. Elizabeth S. White, RSCJ, H'o6, a faculty member at Newton and later at BC, founded the club and guided it until 2002 when Judith Wilt, professor of English and Newton College Alumnae Chair in Western Culture, became club moderator. Participants meet six times

during the academic year to discuss a variety of fiction and nonfiction works, such as *Run* by Ann Patchett, *The Sun Also Rises* by Ernest Hemingway, and *This Republic of Suffering: Death and the American Civil War* by Drew Gilpin Faust. Alumnae nationwide can join in via conference call. For more information, visit www.bc.edu/newtonbookclub or e-mail Ann Connor, senior associate director of classes, at ann.connor@bc.edu.

Eagles in China

The Alumni Association's international scope took another continental step forward with the recent formation of the **China Chapter**. Kevin Meenan '06, MA'08, English instructor at Tsinghua University in Beijing, and Deborah Ehrlich '07, a freelance arts project manager in Beijing, established the group to provide a BC base for the growing number of alumni working and studying in China. The China Chapter's first social gatherings were held in Beijing this past fall, and an event in Shanghai is planned. The chapter has already helped connect BC alumni in Hong Kong, Nanjing, Xiamen, and Dalian. Alumni attending chapter events thus far represent such industries as finance, education, technology, accounting, and consulting. "China is an incredibly exciting place to be right now," says Meenan. "Boston College is still

relatively unknown here, so we're looking forward to spreading the good word and furthering its mission as BC grows as an international university." Alumni interested in joining the China Chapter may contact chinabceagles@gmail.com.

Going Green

Alumni in the ever-expanding "green" realm of industry, education, and government are invited to participate in a new affinity group, the **BC Energy and Environment Alumni Network (BCEEAN)**. More than 50 alumni attended BCEEAN's inaugural event in December in Washington, D.C., cosponsored by the Washington, D.C., and Baltimore chapters. The discussion, "Transition to a Green Economy" was moderated by Patricia Randolph Williams '77 and featured panelists Frances Dubrowski NC'70, P'09; Doreen Hope '80; Elliot Oxman, JD'04; and Susan Schruth NC'71. Dubrowski, an environmental attorney and educator, and Williams, attorney advisor at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, are co-chairs of the network. Another event was held in New York City on Wednesday, May 26—a networking night and panel discussion, titled "Financing the Transition to a Green Economy." To join the network, e-mail envrn@bc.edu.

By the Numbers

Summertime at the Heights

350 | Beds expected to be made at the Boston College Summer Guest House, open to BC community members visiting campus



215 | Dollars for alumni to join the Plex on a summer membership

37 | Consecutive summers that BC's Lonergan Workshop—to be held June 20–25—has fostered an international dialogue on issues of society, culture, and spirituality

150 | Children of alumni anticipated to attend BC's Recreational Day Camp during July and August

3,720 | Collective miles to be logged at the Vision 5K road race on June 20—organized by Joseph Quintanilla '98 and run on campus to benefit the visually impaired



TechTrek West

On March 4, members of the **West Coast Technology Council** held a reception for the 25 undergraduates who traveled to the Bay Area for Associate Professor John Gallagher's "TechTrek West" course, which provides students with a firsthand look at the technology industry. From left: Professor Gallagher, West Coast Chair William McKiernan '78, and student guest speakers Christopher Miceli '11 and Sophia Monroe '11. For more on upcoming council activities, visit www.bc.edu/techcouncil.



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Greetings! • Today, for a change, let's start with a positive report: two upbeat contacts with '39 classmates. The first was a personal letter from Msgr. **Al Palladino** in which he described his 67-year career. During those years he served God as a theologian and as a seminary and college professor, and then he had a rewarding pastoral career that in retirement still keeps him happy. We then had a cheerful and upbeat telephone call from **Joe Sammartino**, MED'40. Joe reports that he is still retired but remains active both playing golf and taking regular walks around Scituate. • That's the good news! On the sad side, we have learned of the passing of three of our classmates: **Edmund Kennedy** of Chicago, **Paul Scanlon** of Melbourne, FL, and **Joseph Tuscher** of South Dennis. Our prayers and sympathy are extended to their families and friends. • There's no other news, but a second thought popped up. You may remember, when we were freshmen and sophomores back in 1936 and 1937, a number of our friends and classmates chose to leave Chestnut Hill. Why? For most of them, we don't know. But for some of these departing classmates and friends, we do know. In their still early youth they were responding to God's vocation call to the priesthood and were transferring to Jesuit and other seminaries. They dedicated their lives to Christ and the Church! Although these former classmates and friends—religious and lay—did not stay with us on the Heights, they remain our classmates and should be remembered in our prayers. Peace!

1940 REUNION 2010

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Here is a note from one who has braved the snow and storms of New England and who

looks forward to the warmth and greetings of old friends at the Laetare breakfast. Let's hear from our classmates who have been golfing in the sun. Do write!

1941

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I'll continue with the update in the Winter issue about Fr. **Joe Nolan**, MA'49, whose new book recently appeared. He joined the FBI after leaving BC and spent the war years in naval intelligence in Brazil and the Philippines. After being discharged, he decided to study for the priesthood. He was ordained in 1949 and worked for a time as a pastor in Kansas. Today, he is part of the theology department at BC. Truly a man of many talents and remarkable durability. • From this point on, the news is sad. On November 14, 2009, **Gerry Armitage** left us. I recall those anxious days after December 7, 1941: When we returned to class on December 9, we learned that three Marine Corps Reserve officers from our class had disappeared. Gerry was one of them. They were involved in the invasion of Guadalcanal and many later actions. A career Marine, Gerry retired as a colonel in 1962 and worked in the overseas construction industry for 20 years as a civilian. • It is difficult for me to report on the events of this past January. On the eighth, we lost **Ernie Handy**, our long-time faithful scribe. After BC, Ernie served as a highly decorated member of the Army Air Corps and retired from the Air Force Reserve as a lieutenant colonel. He graduated from BC Law School in 1949 and was a practicing attorney for 25 years. He then served as assistant clerk magistrate for the Suffolk Superior Criminal Court, retiring in 1987. Ernie was active in the BC community and in youth sports. He is survived by five children, nine grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. **Gerry Joyce**, Mary JD'50 and **Bob Muse**, and I attended his funeral service at Our Lady of Annunciation Cathedral. On the ninth, **Dave Cavan** departed this life. Dave received his medical degree from Tufts. He served three years in the Army Medical Corps, established the Radiology Clinic in Worcester, and served as chief of radiology at Worcester City Hospital. Dave retired from active practice after 40 years. He leaves Mildred, his wife of 64 years; six children; and nine grandchildren. **Frank D'Ambrosio** passed away on the eleventh. He was a graduate of Tufts Medical School and Harvard's Graduate School of Ophthalmology and served as a captain in the Medical Corps of the Army Air Corps. A

practicing ophthalmologist, he was on the staff of several hospitals in the Concord-Fitchburg area, retiring after 60 years in January 2009. Frank was ordained a permanent deacon in 1977 and ministered in the Concord parishes. He also assisted in our annual memorial Masses. He leaves Jennie, his wife of 66 years; 9 children; 31 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren. I regret that I was unable to attend the funerals of Dave and Frank. May their souls and the souls of all our deceased classmates rest in peace.

1943

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The loss of treasured classmates remains unabated since the last submission of class notes. Our precious memories now list the passing of '43ers **Louis Alfano**; **John Carusone** MSSW'48; **Halim Habib**; **Victor Leeber**, SJ, MA'47, STL'54; **John Kane**; and Rev. **James O'Donohoe**—truly a proud legacy of Eagles whom we were privileged to call friends and classmates. • Also, I recently heard from Nancy Butler (wife of Bill Butler '49 and sister-in-law of our late classmate **Bob Butler**), who reported that **Pat Herlihy** died on December 23, 2009, in California of lung cancer. He was 88. Although he lived his last years in San Francisco, Pat, an officer in the Army Reserve, had spent most of his life in the Philippines. It was there that he met his wife, Carmensita. They were married for 63 years and had 11 children. • Although an exofficio member of the Class of 1943, none was more active in class activities than Mary (Moriarty) Boudreau, who died recently. Her late husband, **Wally Boudreau**, was a celebrated athlete, a teacher, and an alumni secretary. • On a lighter note, **Arthur Kennedy** called recently to discuss an entertaining biography of Louis Armstrong, renowned jazz legend. We recalled days in the cultural chemistry class taught by Fr. Butler. • **Yale Richmond**, a 30-year veteran diplomat for the State Department, was recently honored with the Commander's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland for his work on issues related to cultural and academic exchanges with other countries, including Poland. • Talk about the Energizer Bunny: **Frank Hill**, MED'50, takes to the tennis courts regularly as a much respected player on the senior circuit, maintaining a healthy lifestyle after a successful career as head of Sullivan Brothers Printers—one of whose clients was BC's student newspaper *The Heights*, when your correspondent was a staffer. • **Dan Healy**, JD'48, a Cape Cod squire, has contributed several upbeat news items. **Andy Carnegie**, MBA'67, is enjoying his golden years consorting with the seagoing sailors on the waters along Route 6. • Please stay in touch, whether by telephone, notes, or smoke signals. Your information helps the column immensely!

1944

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In the last issue, there wasn't space enough to tell you much about the funeral of Fr. **Bill McInnes**, MA'51, STL'58. It was beautifully and liturgically fitting for our very, very high-profile Jesuit classmate. It was a whole church full of remembering and weeping friends, exactly as you would imagine. But it was about the burial, after the Mass, that I thought you would like to hear. It took place at the Campion Center in Weston. I had never seen it before, but behind the massive Campion building there is a cemetery. It looks very much like Arlington National Cemetery in Washington DC but instead of row upon row of identical white crosses, there are row upon row of identical white tablets, hundreds of them. Each tablet is probably about two feet wide and three feet tall, each marking the grave of a Jesuit who has heard a yet higher call. After the familiar graveside prayers, several Jesuits who were in attendance passed around a brass container of earth from Fr. Bill's grave and invited us to place a spoonful on top of the casket. Then they brought around baskets of glorious fresh flowers and suggested that we either keep a flower as a remembrance or place it on Fr. Bill's casket. We were then all invited to stay for the lowering. It was a moment of unforgettable tranquil beauty and stunning simplicity. We will never forget you, Bill. • Peace.

1945

REUNION 2010

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I'm sorry to report the death of **Charlie McCready Sr.** in Florida. He was a very active member of our class, especially playing golf with the "Legends." After graduating from Boston Latin with honors and cum laude from BC, he served in World War II in the Army Air Force. Charlie was a CPA and a partner at what is today PricewaterhouseCoopers and a Fourth Degree Knight, Knights of Columbus. He is survived by his wife, Effie; 4 children; 10 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren. Charlie will be missed by all of us. • **Michael H. Bonacorso** passed away on December 6, 2009. He is survived by his wife, Mary; three children; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. He was a World War II Navy veteran. • Yours truly has become a housewife, owing to my wife's falling and breaking her upper left arm. I now realize all that she has been doing all these years of our marriage, which will number 61 this year. Thank God her arm is healing very well in her fifth week. By the time you read these notes, she should be completely healed and rehabilitated. • **Dave Hern** reports that he is feeling well, with everything under control. • **Ralph Nash** has been in a wheelchair for over two years. His wife has

Alzheimer's disease and is in a nursing home in Bristol. Ralph was a member of the BC team that beat Tennessee at the Sugar Bowl in 1941. • **Bill Corbett**, MEd'47, continues to take classes at Lifelong Learning in West Barnstable and plays golf at the Olde Barnstable Fairgrounds course. He hopes to play 92 rounds again this year. • **George L. Drury**, SJ, MA'46, MS'49, continues to teach at the Center for Ignatian Spirituality at BC, where he is also involved in organizing retreats. • **John Greenler** is still enjoying good health, working out at the gym, playing golf, and singing in the church choir. He and Gertrude are in their 58th year of married life. • **Paul Paget** MSW'49, **Jack McCarthy**, and I are hard at work planning for our 65th anniversary reunion, which will take place on June 9. Please mark your calendars, and be sure to make this important event. By the time you read these notes, you will have received a notice with all the details. I look forward to seeing all of you at our 65th. • I forgot to report earlier that Boston College has once again been included among the top 25 universities in the "100 Best Values in Private Colleges," compiled by *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* magazine. This is just another reason for you to be proud of your alma mater and to sing its praises. Ever to Excel!

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1948

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I begin with the sad news that **Jim Costello** passed away on March 1, 2010. **John Corcoran**, who died several years ago, and **Bill Noonan** were very dear friends of Jim and Jeanne and over many years attended numerous family affairs. My wife, Suzanne, and I visited the Costellos at their home both in Osterville, where Jim tended his beautiful gardens, and in Hingham. Jim was active in the church as a song leader, choir member, lector, and parish council member. He was a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and served as alumni class president. Jim is survived by his 7 children and 12 grandchildren. He is especially remembered for his beautiful singing voice and dedication to, and pride in, his family. At the request of the late Tip O'Neill, Jim sang his favorite Irish song, "Danny Boy," at the Clover Club. He also had a great love for opera. Jim graduated from Boston Latin School in 1943 and was a World War II Army veteran. He was a sales executive with Burroughs Corporation for 33 years. He was also a visiting professor, teaching sales management at BC's Carroll School of Management. Among the classmates at the funeral Mass in Hingham were Bill Noonan; **Joseph Donohue** and his wife, Geraldine; and my wife and I. • I'd greatly appreciate hearing from you—please write, e-mail, or call. My contact information appears above.

1949

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He was the epitome of the salutation "member of the Greatest Generation": Fr. **Charlie McCoy** passed on to his eternal reward on November 30, 2009, at the age of 83. We, his classmates who knew him from his first BC days as a 17-year-old entering as an accelerated freshman in January 1943 after three and a half years at BC High, will all remember him with great pride. Charlie, a son of South Boston parents, brought with him a love of sports (which was later recognized by BC High, when it awarded him its highest honor, the St. Ignatius Award, and inducted him into the school's Athletics Hall of Fame). This love and spirit he carried onto the BC football field as a freshman quarterback for the Eagles, leading them to several victories for the season. Tom Moran, the Eagles coach, described him as a team leader who "had the gift of instilling spirit and confidence in his teammates." Charlie joined the Marines in 1943 and after tours in the Pacific and China, returned to the Heights in 1946 as an English and math major, graduating with us in June 1949. He earned his master's in education at BU in 1952 and went on to coach football and teach in the Boston area. He studied at St. John's Seminary and was ordained on his 35th birthday. After a few years, he began a 24-year career as chaplain in the Navy. During this period, he served in 14 duty stations, including a tour in Vietnam. He received a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart for injuries suffered during a patrol boat mission in the Mekong Delta. After retiring as a captain in the Navy, Charlie served the Boston Archdiocese for a number of years, primarily at St. Philip Neri Church in Newton. He will truly be missed by his classmates and all who knew him. • We also extend our deepest sympathy to Fr. **Bill Burckhart** on the recent passing of his sister; Fr. Bill has been our celebrant for memorial Masses for the past several years. Please remember Fr. Bill and his sister in your prayers. • Classmates, please send me material for these class notes.

1950

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NC 1950-1953

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From **Helene Sweeney Doyle** NC'50 comes news of a great chance meeting she had with **Alice Whelan Hanlon** NC'51. In Helene's words, "Bill and I were at a Holy Cross luncheon when a couple came in, and I immediately recognized Alice Whelan Hanlon, who was with her husband, Jim. I don't think I have seen Alice since my Newton graduation,

so that tells you how great she looks. We had a delightful time together and discovered several amazing coincidences in our lives since Newton College. Our husbands are both attorneys and graduates of Holy Cross, not too unusual. Our wedding anniversaries are on the same date—April 11. Early in our marriages, we had lived on the same avenue on Staten Island. Of course, all three events/happenings were in different years. There was more about our children, but enough.” Helene also writes of meeting Paula Toner, RSCJ, the U.S. provincial of the Society, at a party in Osterville. And I loved hearing about her regular lunches with **Connine Ryan Eagan**, **Mary Lou Julian Natoli**, **Norma Fallon Timmerman**, and **Mary “Chic” LaBonte White**, all Class of 1950. They all say “there is nothing new,” but then they go on to enjoy each other’s company. What a gift! • Hoping Helene puts you all to shame, I shall look forward to receiving some great news notes!

1951

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Hello, classmates. Time seems to be slipping by faster than one would like. It will be reunion time before we know it. As for our 60th celebration, the present plan calls for a limited number of events. The first will be a performance by the University Chorale on December 4 of this year, and on April 20, 2010, we have planned a private luncheon with President William P. Leahy. The gala will be on June 4, at the beginning of Reunion Weekend. • Over the years, I have had the privilege of meeting sons and daughters of classmates and those of other classes. One outstanding quality I have seen in all these younger folks is character, character that is unmistakable and that radiates from them. Obviously, much of this phenomenon is the result of the example of the parents, but it’s also the influence of the Boston College experience. I’m sure many of you share this admiration. • As for the latest trivia recall, what song boomed from the stands during football games in our senior year? It was “Goodbye, Denny,” relating to the feelings of the fans and the then imminent departure of Coach Myers. Sports fans can be grateful that BC has men and women coaches who are proficient at their craft, as well as being quality people. • I recently had a luncheon meeting and discussion with **Vin Stanton** at the venerable Harvard Club. Vin’s mind and wit are as fresh as they were 60 years ago. • **John Venti** kindly sent the following tribute on the loss of a classmate on June 25, 2009. John writes: “**Joseph B. Sullivan** passed away and will be dearly missed by all who knew him. Joe was a highly decorated Army veteran of World War II, who received both the Purple Heart and the Silver Star for gallantry in combat. He leaves Grace, his wife of 65 years; sons Mark of Merrimac and Brian of Londonderry, NH; daughters Denise Benson of Westwood and Deirdre Rosen of Bedford; and six grandchildren. Upon graduation, Joe began his professional career at Raytheon and subsequently rose in

the ranks to personnel director. He was an avid reader of sports, politics, and world and health affairs who also took great pride in the flowers and vegetables grown in his backyard.” • Feel free to submit any information you can provide about yourself or other classmates.

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Roger Connor reports that he met **Bill Killoran**’s son, Rich, while touring the Vanderbilt estate. He assured Roger that Bill was very much alive. Roger regrets the reporting error. • **Frances**, wife of the late **Bill Gauthier**, is carrying on the great work Bill did for the Massachusetts Association for the Mentally Challenged. • **Fr. Jim Lerner** was buried from St. Ann’s Church in Dorchester on August 28, 2009. • **Joe Mielt** writes from Andover that his grandson Tim is carrying on the Mielt tradition. Tim is a freshman at BC. • Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. **Ed Lafferty** on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. • **Fr. Hugh O’Regan** reports that \$400 was collected at the class memorial Mass, and the funds were forwarded to the Pro-Life Office of the Archdiocese. You can get in touch with Fr. Hugh at 101 Seth Parker Rd., Centerville, MA 02632. • Shortly after **Bill Curtin** passed away, his wife found a note to Roger C. about Bill serving Mass with classmate **Msgr. Peter Martocchio**. At the end of each Mass they would say, “Another Mass completed and no one hurt.” Rest in peace. • **Dick Bangs** is on the mend. He recently spent some time in St. Elizabeth’s, followed by rehab. • **Dana Doherty** and his bride spend their winters in Arizona and summers in New Hampshire. • **Tom O’Maley** is enjoying life in Carmichael, CA. If you’re passing through, drop in for a beer. • **George Cyr**’s plans for a medal at the Vancouver Winter Olympics in ski jumping came to a halt recently when he broke his collarbone in a ski accident. George assures us that he will be ready for the 2014 Winter Games. • **Jack O’Connor** reports that his seven grandchildren are a constant source of pleasure in his retirement. • **Charlie Jones** is enjoying retirement for PayLess Shoes as senior VP in Topeka, KS. • Congrats to Mary and **John Paul Sullivan** on their 50th anniversary. • **Charlie Kohaut** writes from Fort Wayne, IN, that **Tom McGowan**, MBA’65, passed away in November 2009, and **Manny Fontes**’s wife writes to let the class know that Manny died on November 2, 2009, in Westport. • **Paul Donovan** is still going strong in Melbourne, FL. Visits to his seven kids and golf keep him busy. • **Ed MacDonald** lives on a golf course in North Port, FL, and plays three or four times a week. • **Jim Leonard**, MED’53, of Pompano Beach, FL, continues his world travels notwithstanding his leukemia. Keep it up, Jim! • **Dave Murphy** is enjoying life in Naples, FL, after a cruise in the Caribbean. • **Patricia (Chard) O’Neil** writes that her granddaughter received early acceptance to BC. • **Paul Enos** writes from Amelia Island, FL, that he is “getting too close to the font on the book.” **Bill Doherty** writes from Pelham, NH, that he is looking forward to the Naples gathering (which will have taken place when you read

this). • Finally, **Tom McElroy**’s son Jack, a colonel in the USMC, is back from Afghanistan where he was deputy commander, Marine Strike Force 2. Upon his return, he was immediately sent to Haiti to coordinate Marine assistance after the earthquake. My son Patrick, a Navy SEAL, is off to Afghanistan again. Keep him in your prayers.

1953

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My thanks to Bruce Desrosiers ’52, who wrote to say that he had recently been in touch with his teammate and our classmate **Joseph “Eddie” Iarrobino**, OSB, and that Bro. Joseph had been inducted into the Varsity Club Hall of Fame in September 2008. Bro. Joseph was captain of the 1953 golf team, one of the finest teams in the “Golden Age” of New England collegiate golf. In three years of varsity competition, he won 16 of 18 matches as the No. 1 or No. 2 player for the Eagles. He was undefeated in regular-season play as a senior and was a key contributor to BC’s 1952 New England Golf Team Championship. Congratulations, Bro. Joseph! Bro. Joseph is with the Benedictine order at St. Andrew’s Abbey in Valyermo, CA, where he has been for some time. • **Dick Horan** wrote me about his attendance at the dedication of the Boston College Veterans Memorial on November 11, 2009. We have three classmates whose names appear on the memorial: Sgt. **James F. Harrington**, Army; Pvt. **Francis B. Mahoney**, USMC; and Cpl. **Donald T. Toland**, USMC. A Boston College Web site contains information about all alumni whose names are inscribed on the memorial: <http://veteransmemorial.bc.edu>. Give it a try! • The Wayland Country Club is the site for our 16th annual class golf tournament on June 9. The golf format will be the same—Florida type scramble, longest drive, and closest-to-the-pin contest—with a box lunch at the turn and dinner after the contests. Again, all golfers and would-be golfers are welcome. • I received a letter from Maryanne and **Paul Coughlin**, thanking the class. “We were gifted a certificate for a home-cooked meal by a gourmet chef. We contacted Michael the Chef and arranged for him to come late on Saturday afternoon on November 28. In our conversations, I asked if we could divide the two meals into three so our daughter Mary Ellen could join and assist us. He obliged without question...and we thoroughly enjoyed a four-course meal. Thank you again for your thoughtfulness.” • **Dick Horan** also sent me the annual report for the Fr. **Joseph T. Greer** ’53 Endowment Fund. Total gifts to the fund as of June 1, 2009, were \$110,380. The 2009–2010 Fr. Greer Scholar is Daniel Quintero ’13, a student at the Carroll School of Management. His story is posted on the BC alumni online community.

1954

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I am writing these notes the day after our annual BC hockey excursion. On February 21, Northeastern was the opponent, and the Eagles won handily. Classmates and spouses in attendance included **Peter Nobile**, who put the event together; **Sal DeLuca**; **Mario DiBiase**; Mary and **Murray Regan**; Mary Jean and **Jimmy Coughlin**; Margaret (Molloy) '58 and **Pete Vasaturo**; **Ray MacPherson**; Lori and **Lou Totino** MBA'65; Joan Patchell; **Mary Kent Goudey**; and your correspondent. Several of our classmates were accompanied by adult children and grandchildren as well.

- On May 26, we will be having lunch at the Wayside Inn in Sudbury. If you are reading this note before the event but did not receive an invitation from the Alumni Office, and you wish to attend, please call or e-mail me.
- Unfortunately, we continue to lose classmates. **Paul McDermott** of Quincy died on December 13, 2009, and **Grace Anne Mullen** of South Weymouth on January 5, 2010.
- A few months ago, I read that **Paul Sally**, MA'56, would be conducting a math seminar at BC. Not wanting to miss a chance to see an old friend, I slipped into the session. Paul and a colleague from the University of Chicago were presenting a new system they had developed for teaching algebra. For those of you who knew Paul at BC, I can tell you that he is just as brash as he was then. At 77, he is still teaching, writing, and lecturing. Paul said that he has the next several years of work all planned out, and that he and his wife are currently writing a math textbook. In spite of several disabilities resulting from juvenile diabetes, Paul is ignited by life and work. Paul, can you send us some of that energy? • I am signing off early, since little news has been coming my way lately. I can write it, but you have to provide it. *Correction: In our last issue, we mentioned Peter Vasaturo's wife, Margaret (Molloy) '58, as his widow. We apologize to the Vasaturos; we regret the error.*

NC 1954

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I hope by the time you read this, the snow will have disappeared from our landscapes!

- I was pleased to receive Christmas greetings from **Helen Ward Sperry Mannix**; **Ginny Yawman Dayton**; **Mary Magdalen, OSC**; **Maureen Cohalan Curry**; **Lucille Joy Becker**; **Dotty Englert Ward**; and **Evie Higgins Beveridge**.
- In her e-mail from Ponce, PR, **Delma Sala Fleming** says that she has retired from the Ponce School of Medicine (Class A1) after 32 years. During the last few years, she gave up teaching but remained at the Biomedical Lab *ad honorem*. Delma now has more time to devote to animal-rights activities and to the scholarship fund for the Convent of the Sacred Heart School, where she and her children were educated.
- I was saddened to learn from **Mary Evans Bapst** of the death of her sister, Willie, in October. Please keep Mary and her family in your prayers. Mary spoke of an unexpected snowfall (less than an inch) in Geneva, Switzerland. She was "amused by the panic caused by a few snowflakes," having lived in Chicago, Newton, Montreal, and rural

Quebec. It seems not all of Switzerland is covered with lots of snow.

- **Sr. Mary Magdalen** of the Monastery of St. Clare in Jamaica Plain reports that the monastery and her community are the subject of a project by Molly Connors for her master's degree in broadcast journalism. The link—<http://poorclaresboston.wordpress.com>—provides access to the project. In it, Sr. Mary Magdalen is interviewed, and I encourage everyone to look at this interesting site. It offers a look into the world of a very active and joyful community of women who, through their lives, prayer, and work, demonstrate God's love for us.
- In February, **Maureen Cohalan Curry** spent time in Orlando visiting with family. She was invited there to attend Grandparents Day, and reports it was great fun. Recently, Maureen had lunch with **Mary Jane Moyles Murray** NC'55, and she keeps in touch with **Alice Ann O'Brien Clifton** NC'53 by phone.
- Enjoy the spring, take care, and please keep the news coming.

1955 REUNION 2010

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I was delighted to receive a note from **Pat Redihan Childers**. Pat is still involved in helping her husband give competent and loving care to the animals that arrive at his hospital. Pat reports that her daughter **Caroline** lives in Rhode Island and has three children: **Patricia** owns a design business in New York City and has one son; **Henry IV** is a cardiothoracic surgeon at the Southern Ohio Medical Center and has two sons; and **Alyce** works for the Department of Defense and lives in Belgium after having been in Japan for four years.

- Watching a performance of *The Nutcracker* brought joy to Jane and **John Boland** during the Christmas season because their daughter **Kelley** and granddaughter **Emma** were in a local production.
- The Discovery Channel allowed me to watch **Scott Parazynski** climb Mt. Everest. Scott is the son-in-law of **Rosemary** and **John Vozzella**.
- **Barbara Winckhofer Wright** has been serving as the interim CEO for the New Jersey State Nurses Association and will remain until the search for a new CEO has been completed. She served full-time in this position for several years. Barbara was given a humanitarian award by Seton Hall College of Nursing at its alumni gala.
- **Marguerite Blais Dannemiller's** oldest grandson stayed with her while doing an internship in preparation for his PhD. Marguerite also reported that grandson **Chris** has been deployed. Please pray for his safety.
- I hope to BCing many of you in June as '55 celebrates 55! Please try to come to our reunion celebration.

NC 1955 REUNION 2010

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We regret to note that our classmate **Joan Costello Barbary** of Scituate died on February

6, 2010. Most of us had not seen her since graduation, but we were always glad to hear news about her and her growing family. We offer our condolences to Bob and to their 6 children and 10 grandchildren. Joan lived a life of service to others through several agencies, among them Community Servings and Habitat for Humanity.

- We have just learned of the death of **Ed Wetzel**, husband of **Carra Quinlan Wetzel**, on January 2, 2010. The Wetzels had been married for 53 years and had been living in Wyoming. Our condolences to Carra.
- I again urge everyone to plan to attend our 55th reunion, scheduled for June 4–6.

1956

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We had 47 attending the Mass and brunch at Barat House on the Newton Campus before taking in the BC Chorale's annual Christmas concert at Trinity Chapel. Celebrating the Mass was **Ray Helmick, SJ**, brother of my wife, **Marie, MS'55**.

- Marie and I enjoyed watching the Eagles defeat **Clemson, 75–69**, on January 26, avenging the 72–56 defeat they inflicted on us down there on January 9. We sat in the alumni booth with **Leo '58** and **Claire Hoban McCormack**, **Joyce '62** and **Dan McDevitt**, and **Art Reilly**, who brought along his grandson.
- **Bob Halloran** called to say that when **John Galvin** attended the Emerald Bowl game against USC on December 26, it extended his string of consecutive games to 315. Bob wonders if this is a record.
- **John Harney, PHL'60**, e-mailed the news that Bishop **Frank Irwin, MSW'70**, celebrated his retirement at a Mass in St. Agnes Church in Arlington in December.
- **Dick Rossi, MED'64, PhD'74**, reported that the chemistry majors held their annual fall lunch in Portsmouth, NH, in November. The guest of honor was **John Surette, SJ, MA'61, STB'68**, the cofounder and director of *Spiritearth*. Those in attendance were **Jan '58** and **George Cartier**, **Pat** and **Paul Vozzella**, **Bob Ricci**, and **Rose** and **John Polevy**. After the group encouraged John to send in his recent accomplishments in track and field, he e-mailed his first contribution in 53 years. John set six records in the Granite State Senior Games in his age category, and he is ranked in the top six in the USA in five events and 18th in the world in the 100-meter dash. If you search his name on the Internet, you will get pages of Web sites where he is mentioned.
- John Harney e-mailed to say that **Jack Cullinane** died in December. **Jim McLaughlin** e-mailed in January that his wife, **Maire**, died after a long battle with cancer. **Jerry Sullivan** sent news of the death of **Jane Bourque Driscoll's** husband, **John P. Driscoll**, in November. Jack was Jerry's second cousin. The Alumni Association also sent word that **Edward M. Krasnof** of Santa Monica, CA, has died. Please keep them and all classmates and their families in your prayers.
- Thanks to all who sent news. A reminder: you can log on to the alumni online community to read and post news of accomplishments, travel, and other experiences.

NC 1956

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The class held its traditional St. Valentine's reception at **Paul Mahoney's** Garden Center in Winchester on February 12. Once again, it was a very successful evening, with 51 classmates attending. Paul and Doris were the gracious hosts. **Norma DeFeo Cacciamani** made the arrangements for the food, tables, and chairs. **Bill Tobin**, MBA'70, arranged for the liquid refreshments, and he and **Jim Turley** did the honors of serving as bartenders for this wonderful evening. Classmates and guests were able to purchase flowers and plants as well as admire all the beautiful floral arrangements that helped get us into the Valentine's Day spirit. • I received a very nice Christmas letter from Fr. **Gerry Kelly**. He mentioned that the violence in Mexico changed his missionary plans: his medical team went to the Mexican border. There are 1 million unincorporated areas along the border. People purchase a piece of land, put up a small home, and begin a new life, but the essential services are not there. The dental and vision teams and the general practitioners were overwhelmed with the demand. "We don't feel forgotten," was the response of the people. • **Rose Woodworth Ford** recently connected with three of her classmates. They had not seen one another for over 50 years! They wore BC T-shirts and sang "For Boston" right in the middle of the terminal at Logan, while waiting to meet their third classmate. Rose's daughter, Jane Ford, a Providence College '83 alumna, sent me an e-mail, quoting one of her mom's classmates, who said: "I had to see people in my life who made me the person I am today." A great story. • Our class extends its sincere sympathy to the family of **Maurice L. Whalen**, who passed away from cancer on December 28, 2009, in

McLean, VA. He leaves his widow, **Brenda (McCarthy) Whalen**, a Lynch School of Education '57 classmate, and five daughters. Moe was his nickname in our days at the business school, where he majored in accounting along with some others who have recently been called home to God: **Thomas V. Byrne** of Hudson, formerly of Stowe, who died on January 25, 2010; and **Charles R. Melchin**, a veteran, who died on January 3, 2010, leaving wife Marie, a sister of our classmate **Edward D. Miller**, MBA'68, DED'90. In addition, **Robert L. Hillyard** passed away on January 1, 2010, in St. Augustine, FL, and **Geraldine Dunne Toler** of Peabody passed away on November 20, 2009. • Class dues should be remitted to Bill Tobin, 181 Central St., Holliston, MA 01746.

NC 1957

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Many have heard by now of the passing of dear classmates **Mary Ann Morley Bernhard** and **Judy Scannell Donovan**, MSW'59, within two weeks of each other earlier this year. Both lived in Andover for many years, and Mary Ann's Mass was here in my (Connie's) hometown, with a moving eulogy by **Carol McCurdy Regener**, harkening back to Newton days (Carol was her bridesmaid and kept in close touch). I was honored to do a reading, so Newton was well represented. Judy and Charlie moved to Harwich in retirement from social work and teaching 10 years back. Judy's death was a surprise to many, but we were so happy to see her at the 50th. • Another loss was **Janet Black Rohan's** husband, Pat, following heart surgery, leaving Jan, 8 children, and 19 grandchildren. Pat was dean emeritus at St. John's Law School. • But I also have some good news from classmates who report exotic travel. **Barbara Lowe Eckel**, MSW'59, visited China in 2001 and was recently in Malta, enjoying a mix of Mediterranean cultures and the history of Catholicism and the Order of St. John. Over Christmas, Neil and **Joan Hanlon Curley** cruised to South America, around Cape Horn, and through the Strait of Magellan, and saw hundreds of penguins on the Falkland Islands. Joan also has a new children's book

out: *Lucian's Boat: The Story of a Boy's Life by the Sea* (available online at www.authorhouse.com). **Molly McHugh O'Grady** had an interesting visit to the Dominican Republic just a few days after the earthquake in Haiti! • On the home front, Joan and Neil hosted a sumptuous homemade dinner in Naples for Dick and **Peggy McMurrer Haberlin**, Bob and **Miriam Sweeney Murphy**, and George and me. Laughs, old jokes, memories—it was a highlight of our week's visit to my sister in Florida. • **Lucille Saccone Giovino** and **Cathy Connolly Beatty** continue work with the Lenten lecture series, Guild of the Holy Spirit, which began in 1958 with Mass and a lecture. It has since grown and is now held at the Jesuit Campion Renewal Center in Westwood. Lucille is president and, with Cathy, urges all in the area to attend next Lent. • Chris and **Liz Doyle Eckl** had an inspiring lunch with a Georgetown Jesuit friend and three RSCJs: Srs. **Clare Pratt** (former superior general), H'or; Betsy Harton; and Kit Collins, who do literacy work in DC. Sr. Pratt is now the director of the Oakwood RSCJ Retirement Community in Atherton, CA, where Sr. **Barbara Bireley** lived. • Get-well wishes to **Barbara King Hennessy** and her husband, Bill, who underwent quadruple bypass surgery, followed by a leg amputation.

1958

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Condolences of the class go out to Elaine and **Ed Gilmore** on the tragic passing of their grandson Brendan Burke. Brendan, a senior at Miami University in Ohio, was killed in an auto accident returning from an interview at Michigan State's law school. • I also sadly report the passing of the following classmates: **Loretta Fitzgerald Barry** of Worcester; **Joe Desmond** of Contoocook, NH; **Charlene Crosby Leggett** of Waterville, ME; **Martin McLaughlin** of Littleton; and **Joe Livingston** of Roslindale, my friend and classmate at BC High. • I recently learned of the passing of **Ned Bunyon**, MBA'65. Ned was an outstanding hockey player at BC, leading the team in scoring in 1957 and earning ACC East honors in 1958. Ned played in three Beanpots, winning two—he'd scored two goals in the 1957 Beanpot finals in a win over BU. • **Paul Fennell's** son, Lt. Col. Daniel Fennell '91, is the new CO of the Marine Corps Air Wing in Okinawa. • Since retiring in 1996, **Bob Moll** keeps busy doing volunteer work as CFO for two small businesses; participating in the leadership of the Voice of the Faithful; and serving as corporator for Heritage Museums & Gardens in Sandwich and as treasurer of St. John's Intentional Faith Community in western Massachusetts. • **Bob Jackson** is retired after teaching history and government for 35 years in the Westwood School System. He has 7 children and 17 grandchildren and lives in Norwood. • **Joe Giere**, a Double Eagle, spent most of his medical career as a professor in the OB/GYN department at Georgetown University Hospital. Since his 2006 retirement, he keeps busy

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with his four children and eight grandchildren and as a physician volunteer at Mercy Health Clinic and the Spanish Catholic Center in Washington DC. • Yours truly sees **Tom and Joan (Driscoll) Lynch** either at Mass on Sunday or at different BC activities here in the Naples area. Tom, after a career in the reinsurance business, keeps busy tutoring migrant children in Bonita Springs. • Again, a very successful class luncheon was held at the Naples Yacht Club on March 4, with over 65 in attendance. • Also, many classmates were seen at the annual alumni Mass held by Fr. William Leahy in March at the Naples Grande. • Don't forget your class dues. Send your check for \$25 to **Jack "Mucca" McDevitt**, 28 Cedar Rd., Medford, MA 02155.

NC 1958

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Judy Carey Zesiger says, "I am in Florida, trying it out. This is my first winter staying put here after buying and renovating last year. I love the climate but miss family and friends. After Thanksgiving in Seattle with my youngest daughter, I spent Christmas on Maui, HI, with all the kids and grands."

• **Judith Young Runnette** travels regularly. A September adventure was to see the Taj Mahal and a number of Indian cities, including New Delhi, Jaipur, Khajuraho, and Varanasi, one of the oldest cities in the world. • On the West Coast, **Sheila Quinlan Brown** has "just started learning tai chi, which I've been interested in for years. Otherwise, life moves on slowly and sweetly." • Traveling eastward, **Maureen Ronan's** destination was the Bahamas, for a six-day Bible cruise with her roommate of 50 years ago when they taught at the Mannheim, Germany, U.S. Army base. Days in port were free, and evenings were filled with gospel music and preaching. "It's fun and inspiring." • **Margie George Vis, Anne DeFazio Berra, and Mitzi Shaghalian Pemberton** held their annual meeting in Sarasota last November. • Here's a nice winter itinerary from **Helen McLachlan Smith**: November, to Greensboro, NC, to visit daughter Kari and her husband and two children; January, to Palmas del Mar, PR, to visit son Bart and his wife; and February, to Anthem, AZ, to see youngest son, Conrad and his wife and two children. Two children, Shap and Hillary, live near Helen in Connecticut. • **Dottie Roche Richardson** wrote: "We are having a severe winter in England with the first proper snow in a long time. It takes very little snow to throw the British into turmoil...so when I say 'severe' you would probably laugh." • I spoke with **Mary Cahill Leyland** recently. She and her sister Betsy NC'59 "are still going strong." After working 11 years in Old San Juan, PR, as director of the VA Regional Office, Mary retired in 2001. She has a master's degree in education and is now living in Georgetown with her husband, George. • **Shelley Carroll Opiela**, of Austin, TX, is involved in parish programs using her bilingual skills. "I had quite a bit to do with writing the entire 'Lent' book (in two languages)." Another project, providing a

new outlet for her knitting and crocheting skills, is knitting prayer shawls, which are given as gifts, frequently to widows, in the recipient's favorite colors.

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Jim Marrinan, MSW'61, writes that he and his wife, Cynthia, are both well and enjoying life. • **Marty Redington** proudly announces that he and Andrea have become grandparents for the second time with the birth in November of Annika Kane Redington. • **Joe Manfreda** continues to be active in volunteer work in the Chicago area. • On January 21, a large crowd gathered at Boston College High School to honor its legendary coach, athletic director, teacher, and guidance counselor, **Jim Cotter**, on the launch of his autobiography, *A True Man for Others: The Coach Jim Cotter Story* (Peter E. Randall/Jetty House). Coauthored by sports writer Paul Kenney, the book features an extensive photo section that takes readers on a journey from Jim's childhood up to the present day. Jim was diagnosed with ALS, better known as Lou Gehrig's disease, in 2004. Proceeds from the book will support Coach, the Cotter Scholarship at BC High School, Compassionate Care ALS, and The Angel Fund. The book is available at BC High and on the book's Website, <http://www.coachjimcotter.com>.

NC 1959

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At a time when most of us are retiring, **Sue Macksoud Wooten** writes that she's going back to work and has "invented" a business called Woodstock Country Walking Tours (www.woodstockcountrywalkingtours.com). It offers not only country walking tours, but also summer photo walks in the early morning and late afternoon; plein air painting workshops; and, for the more sedentary, a day in Woodstock, tailored to personal interests that can include a back country drive, lunch at a private home, a tour of a state-of-the-art sugarhouse, and a historical and architectural exploration of how Woodstock came to be. Sue will also offer accommodation at two charming homes, one a converted horse barn, the other an old farmhouse. For more information, e-mail Sue at suzannewooten@yahoo.com. • **Dorothy Bohan Graham** is another busy classmate. She and David plan to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this October with a cruise to the Holy Land and Alexandria, Egypt, with six friends (one being **Janet Chartier O'Hanley**), ending with a week in Rome. But Dottie and David won't be sitting still in the interim. Last spring they went to New York for a few days, followed by a week in Florida and then a week in Carefree, AZ, before returning to Block Island, where they spent a long and challeng-

ing winter. • **Janet O'Hanley** has made the momentous decision to move from Newport, RI, to Naples, FL, with her daughter Marianna. She promises, however, to return to Newport for the summer. • **Nancy Maslen Burkholder** discovered the 70-Plus Ski Club on the Internet and spent several weeks this past winter skiing in Aspen and in Utah, from a base in Salt Lake City. • **Patty O'Neill** spent a month bird-watching in Colombia in early 2010. Patty was surprised to see that the Newton section of our 50th reunion yearbook, published by BC, reported that she had a life list of only 500 birds. In fact the number should have been 5,000 (a rufous rockjumper near Cape Town, South Africa, in October 2008 was No. 5,000), and after the Colombia trip with intervening trips to Mexico, Chile, and Costa Rica, her life list stands at 5,280 birds. • We were saddened to learn of the death of Paul Royston, husband of **Dolores Seeman Royston**, after a brave nine-year battle with melanoma. Paul was a fighter right up until the end, and the prayers of the class were with him and are with Dolores. • At long last, the Newton Class of 1959 has put together a semicomplete list of e-mail addresses of class members, with thanks to **Helen Craig Lynch, Jane Gillespie Steinthal, Janet Chute, and Joan Coniglio O'Donnell** for their work in gathering the addresses. Patty O'Neill will be glad to e-mail the list to any class member who requests it and to add to the list any class member who would like to be on it.

1960 REUNION 2010

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No matter how much has changed in the years since we left the Heights, the affection and pride we feel for Boston College remains constant. Reunion Weekend is a wonderful opportunity to remember what made our time at BC so special and to renew our connections to the place—and the people—that had such an impact on our lives. Our Golden Eagle reunion will commence on Thursday, June 3, with a golf outing at the Charles River Country Club, and a number of great events have been planned for Reunion Weekend, June 4–6, so why not join the fun and festivities! If you signed up for a yearbook, they will be available then. During the reunion, a photographer will be taking photos, which will be published as an addendum to the yearbook. • Unfortunately, several classmates are no longer with us. **John Dunn** passed away in June 2009. An investment advisor for 30 years with offices in Amherst, NH, and Newport Beach, CA, John was also an avid football fan. He is sorely missed by his family and friends. **Donald Burke**, MEd'65, of Newton died on January 11, 2010. A physics teacher at Weston High School for 30 years, in 1993 he was honored by President Clinton at the White House as a Presidential Scholar. We send condolences to his family. **Philip Langan** died in November 2009, having lost his wife, Uta, in August. Phil was a sports public relations director for several colleges as well as the Hartford

Whalers and the Pittsburgh Penguins. Last June, he was inducted into the College Sports Information Directors of America Hall of Fame. **Kevin O'Neil** passed away in January. He was a CPA and resided in Ogunquit, ME. Our prayers are with his family at this time. **Margaret Doyle Wheelan** of Tampa died on February 7. She was a retired ESE specialist with the Hillsborough County Public Schools. May all these classmates rest in peace with the Lord. • As you may know, we also lost William McInnes, SJ, 44, MA'51, STL'58, who was friendly with many students in the business school, in December 2009. May he rest in peace. He was the former president of Fairfield University and the University of San Francisco.

NC 1960 REUNION 2010

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The Golden Eagles' 50th reunion will be held June 4-6. There have been a number of events leading up to the reunion designed to encourage classmates to connect and participate in Reunion Weekend. We hope you were able to enjoy some of these get-togethers and are planning to attend our 50th reunion in June. • A group of our classmates who live in the area gathered at the Charles River Country Club on December 17 to celebrate Christmas and each other. We enjoyed a delicious meal, good conversation, and the chance to relax and have fun! **Carole Ward McNamara** and Joyce Dwyer '60, MS'64, sponsored us for the second year, and we hope it will become an annual Christmas tradition. Please e-mail me if you would like to join us next year. • Carole Ward McNamara's watercolor and oil paintings were on exhibit at Belmont Hill High School from February 17 to March 12. (Her four grandsons are students there.) Carole displayed 22 paintings. Many are in the Impressionist style; they portray gardens, New Hampshire landscapes, and seascapes. Paintings of Boston include *The Boston Garden* and *Make Way for Ducklings*. One of my favorites was of a red lobster boat in Gloucester. Carole was an art history major at Newton and has continued to take painting lessons through the years. Several Newton classmates came to support her and admire her talent. • The BC Golden Eagles yearbook, already purchased, will be distributed at registration. Some additional copies will be available during Reunion Weekend. You can order a copy through the BC Alumni Association; the cost is \$45. Photographs of the reunion will follow as a supplementary section to the yearbook. The BC/NC Yearbook Committee has developed what we hope will be a meaningful memento for all. On Sunday, June 6, a memorial Mass will be celebrated at Trinity Chapel at 10 a.m. All alumnae of Newton College are invited to participate in the Mass, during which the 11 deceased members of our class will be honored. Members of their families are invited to join us as our guests for the Mass and brunch to follow in Stuart House. We would love to have a large representation from our 50th reunion class. For those of you who cannot attend the weekend, we want you

to know that you will be with us in spirit, and you will be missed. We look forward to reconnecting with all who can come and hope this will be a worthwhile, exciting weekend for all.

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We were very saddened to hear from **Bob Flaherty**, MBA'65, that his daughter Chrissie had recently passed away from multiple organ failure after a short stay in the hospital. She leaves Bob and her stepmother, Dee, of Chatham and her brother, Robert, of Watertown. Bob spends the winter in Jupiter, FL, and summers at the Cape. • **John "Red" Lane** has asked for our assistance. He is doing research on a freshman classmate of ours, Capt. **Joseph X. Grant**, who was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor posthumously for his actions in the Vietnam War. His name is inscribed on the Boston College Veterans Memorial, but little is known about him. He graduated from Mactagon High School in 1957. If anyone knew Joseph Grant, please e-mail John at redlane@aol.com. • I spoke to **Jack Tenney**, who became a CPA after graduation, moved to Vermont, eventually became a manufacturer of ski equipment, and now publishes a monthly magazine called *Business People-Vermont*. A former skier, he now plays golf and tennis. You might remember Jack as an avid intramural football player. He and his wife, Edna, go between Sugarbush, VT, and Fort Myers, FL. They have three children. • **Henry Quinlan** is also in the publishing business; he is president of Omni Publishing Company. Henry lived in Moscow from 1992 to 1996 and published the first telephone book in Moscow since 1934. When I spoke to Henry, he was just leaving to go skiing at Okemo in Vermont. He also plays tennis three times a week and regularly beats **Bubba Larkin**. Henry lives in Wareham and has three children and six grandchildren. • **John Hehir** lives in Skillman, NJ, with his wife, Roswitha, whom he met in Berlin. They have two children and two grandchildren. John spent 4 years in the Army and then worked for Chase Manhattan Bank for 33 years, retiring in 1998. He plays lots of golf and travels extensively. During his years with Chase Manhattan, he traveled the world and has been in more than 60 countries. John thinks Facebook is a great way for classmates to reconnect and is looking forward to the activities around our 50th anniversary next year. • **Bob Leber** and his wife, Jeanne, live in Naples, where Bob is president of Island Title 5 Star Agency. They have been in Florida for 25 years but still return to their home in Needham each summer. They have one surviving child and four grandchildren. You might remember that, upon graduation, Bob opened an office in Newton Corner for R&R Associates, selling lots on Marco Island. He said a lot he sold back then for \$16,000 just sold for \$4.5 million—it wasn't to a classmate! Bob is still recovering from back surgery he underwent last September and hopes to be able to return to boating in a few months. • Well, classmates,

we have all pretty much passed the big "7-O," so congratulations and get ready for our 50th reunion.

NC 1961

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Mary Sue Flanagan is enjoying the challenges of being an active realtor and Ignition volunteer at a DC community kitchen. She suggests reading Gail Collins's book *When Everything Changed* and Joan Chittister's *The Gift of Years*. • **Ellen MacDonald Carbone** writes of Dan and **Betsy Eads Thomas**, who visited the Carbones in Boothbay Harbor. From there, the Thomases went on to Bar Harbor and Acadia National Park. • Tim '60, JD'64, and **Gael Sullivan Daly** attended the BC'60 prereunion festivities in Florida. • Speaking of prereunion, **Brigid O'Sullivan Sheehan** says our 50th reunion dates are June 3-5—mark your calendars! Brigid writes, "I have had a good local response to requests for reunion help," and she is looking forward to hearing from the rest of us. With e-mail, we can always throw a few recommendations into the pot! • **Betty Hitchins Wilson** said the Haiti earthquake touched them deeply, as Haiti is a neighbor. Betty translated a collection of Haitian short stories by Yanick Lahens titled *Aunt Rézia and the Spirits and Other Stories*, which was recently published by the University of Virginia Press. • We found out that **Judy Vollbrecht**, RSCJ, was on sabbatical in the States when the earthquake occurred in Haiti. She wrote that she planned to return in March. **Mookie Stehling Kamps** has been instrumental in helping us establish an "extras fund" for Sr. Judy. The purpose is to give Sr. Judy some discretionary funds she could use to meet some of the human needs around her. • I hope your summer is a time of enjoyment with your families and friends.

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Congratulations to **Kevin Leary** and his wife, Mary Kelleher, on receiving the Raymond J. Callahan, SJ, Service Award at the annual Nativity Spirit Service Award Dinner, held at BC High School on March 11. Kevin and Mary are extremely active, serving on numerous boards, Nativity Prep included, as well as giving time and financial support to many charities throughout the city, including Camp Harbor View; Big Brothers Big Sisters of Massachusetts Bay; New England Prison Ministries; Pioneer Place; Rodman Ride for Kids; and Christmas in the City. Kevin is chairman and CEO of VPNE Parking Solutions in Boston, and Mary is a real-estate broker with Gibson Sotheby's International Realty. Mary and Kevin are the proud parents of six children and six grandchildren. • **Dick Dewar**

was in Boston in December to administer the oath of office to son Kyle as he assumed the rank of lieutenant colonel, USMC. Dick's wife, Mary Lou, and Kyle's wife, Cherie, pinned his new rank on his uniform. The ceremony was held in the captain's cabin aboard the USS *Constitution*. Our congratulations and thanks to the Dewar family. • **Jack Donovan** and his family went to Costa Rica for Thanksgiving. Jack's two sons from San Francisco and his daughter with her husband and their baby spent eight days in the small town of Samara. • Our December class luncheon was hosted by **Bob Murray** at his condo and was attended by **Steve Barry**, **Paul Deeley**, **Jack Donovan**, **Frank Faggiano**, **Mike Farrington**, **Lee Heiler**, **Chris Lee**, **Paul McNamara** JD'65, **Joyce Francis McDevitt**, **Paul Norton**, and **Larry Sanford**. If anyone is interested in joining our monthly luncheon group, please contact **Frank Faggiano**. • **Gene Guerrera** and his wife, **Pat**, are now living in Barnstable on the Cape. • Please be aware there is a complimentary online prayer request service for alumni. "On Eagles' Wings" can be accessed through the alumni link on the BC Website. • Our best to all of you.

NC 1962

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As I began to write this column, **Toni Lilly Roddy** called—in the middle of the biggest blizzard to hit DC—just to catch up. She and husband **Joe** went to Normandy in September with **Jayne Murray Peterson** and her husband, **Jerry**. She said it was one of the most impressive trips they have ever taken. She is thinking of retiring from the store where she has loved working for many years, but I think I've heard her say that before. Toni feels blessed, as do I, that all her grandchildren live in the area. • After retiring from years in education as a teacher and administrator, **Janet Richmond Latour** (jplatur@verizon.net) has a new career as a gold specialist with Party of Gold. She hosts home parties and instead of having participants spend money, she gives them money for their old gold. She's having a lot of fun with it. • **Peggy Bailey Lamontagne** has moved back to Hingham and is enjoying reconnecting with many old friends. Peg grew up in Weymouth, and she and her late husband, **Dick**, lived in Hingham for many years before moving to New York state and then to Plymouth, MA. It's nice to have another Newton classmate in the neighborhood. • It's time to build a team to begin work on our 50th. Back at the time of our 45th, several people volunteered to do something for the 50th. **Ellen Markey Thurmond** and **Anne Gallagher Murphy** offered to work on a class book, and **Bobbie Schroetter Speck** volunteered to edit the book. **Carol Carson Musso** said she would write a letter encouraging people to come. **Marsha Whelan** (marsh-whale@aol.com) said she would create a website, and **Robbie Von Urff Sweeney** said she would set up a conference call line for us. Marsha has asked anyone who might be interested or more skilled in building websites to please contact her to see what they can

create together. Several others have also offered to help: **Mary O'Connor Sears**, **Julie McGraw Brown**, **Mary Jane Moran MacLean**, and **Nancy Crowell Haefeli**. It makes sense to set up a few committees and divvy up the work so no one person has to do it all. Boston College does a wonderful job with the reunions, and our part would be to add anything that we think we would like to do above and beyond. • **Jackie Gegan Mooney** and her husband, **Bill '60**, lost their eldest son, **Paul**, on December 5 after a 35-year battle with cystic fibrosis. Losing a child, no matter what age, can be the most painful. Our hearts go out to you, Jackie and Bill.

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I received an e-mail from **Mary Carol (Siverd) Staiger**, who was trying to hook up with her former roomie, **Sheila E. Smith**. Mary has been living in Alta, WY, for 20 years. She practiced medical-surgical nursing on Long Island on and off while raising three children and also went to Touro College of Law. After moving to Wyoming, she remarried. She passed the Wyoming Bar in 1999 and now has a solo practice in family law. Sheila is a certified financial planner and lives and works in Reading, MA. • I heard from **Donna Sullivan '65**, wife of **Ed Sullivan**, MS'65, that Ed was described in this column, in complete defiance of spell-check, as a "private investigator," when in fact, in his retirement he is a "private investor," as in stocks and bonds, not cops and robbers! Happy to hear the family had a good laugh over this one, and that I was able to provide the humor, albeit unintentionally. • I'm sad to report the November 20, 2009, passing of **Thomas P. Lynch**. Tom was a physician in the Navy for 25 years and retired in 1986. He then practiced dermatology in Toms River, NJ, until moving back to Massachusetts in 2005. He leaves his wife, **Mary Lou**; one son and four daughters; three siblings; and eight grandchildren. • Going to press, I learned of the death of **Richard F. Sullivan** on January 13. Dick had retired as a senior VP of Bank of America and was living in Shrewsbury. Sincere class condolences to Dick's and Tom's families. • I would love to hear from you!

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Maureen Meehan O'Leary, **Carol Donovan Levis**, and **Colette Koechley McCarty** visited **Penny Brennan Conaway** in Washington DC during the first full week of January. While there, besides all the talk and laughter—and a bracing walk to the National Cathedral—we visited the Terra Cotta Warriors exhibit at the National Geographic Society. **Barbara Jones NC'62** entertained us for dinner one night. We had a great time and missed the

snow. • **Carolyn McInerney McGrath** has put together what sounds like a wonderful event. She has arranged for a morning at the New York Metropolitan Museum of Art on April 13. Attendees will meet at 10:30 for a docent-led tour of the new Greek and Roman gallery. SWC lives! The tour will be followed by lunch in the Petrie Court. The cost will be about \$70—more about the gathering in the next issue. • **Nancy Waeber Gleiman**, MEd'79, and your correspondent had a long overdue lunch in Cary, NC, where we have both lived for years. It was fun to get caught up. • We would love to have your news! E-mail the BC Alumni Association (bcaacomm@bc.edu) or me with news you'd like to share with us.

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Well, here we go again—a major dry spell, and I'm not referring to the weather, as those of you on the East Coast know all too well. • Luckily, **Jill Schoemer Hunter** (my roommate, you may recall) sent a great update at Christmas, complete with a photo of herself and Dennis. Jill became vice mayor of Saratoga, CA, on December 1, and now, as she put it, "The Big Cheese must make up her mind if she wants to run for a second four-year term. Place your bets now." All four sons seem to be thriving. Jeff is now at Dolby Laboratories in San Francisco. Craig "travels the world spreading the solar gospel" for Intermolecular. Chris and his wife have been hard at work transforming Magnolia Gift and Garden into the premier nursery in Chico, CA. Trevor "somehow survives in New York City on a pittance of a salary from the American Music Center, has discovered a passion for writing, and loves his new apartment in Brooklyn. Dennis has been deemed 'the thinker' and continues to try to gain perspective on what is going on in the nation and why." Good luck with that one, Dennis. For me, though, the best part of hearing from Jill was the discovery that she has a hanger in her closet that says "P. Weinlandt"! I suggest that she bring it to the 50th. • Finally, you know those annoying pieces of junkmail from banks, credit card companies, etc.? Well here's the latest one that popped up in my mailbox: "This entitles you to \$400 OFF your next purchase of a digital hearing aid system." Are you not hearing me? I need input from you. Till next time, you aging hippies.

1965 REUNION 2010

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As our 45th reunion is fast approaching, it is a good time to think about a donation to Boston College. Many of our classmates have been very generous over the years, but if you have not had the opportunity to give, now might be the right time. It might be the year to think of contributing a dollar or more for every year since we graduated. It would mean that a high percentage of our class members would be donating—and each dollar counts! • Ellen and Jack Cotter, MBA'72, have been neighbors in our building this winter in Naples. They are enjoying golf and the great restaurants and ambience of Naples. • I received a news release from Beloit College about a new book that **Ron Nief** and his Beloit colleague **Tom McBride** are cowriting; it will be published next year by Wiley & Sons under a title that has yet to be determined. It evolved from the Beloit College Mindset List, released each August for the past 11 years,

which traces the life experiences of students entering college that fall. It is a concise overview of the time in which students have been alive and how they view the world. The list has been featured on news programs around the world, and Ron also speaks to groups around the country. Ron is emeritus director of public affairs at Beloit, where he has been since 1996. • Sarah Ann and **Jim Mahoney**, along with their children, Sean and Suzanne '02, enjoyed the BC-BU hockey game at Fenway Park in January. Diane and **Tom Whelan** report that their daughter Kimberly was also there. Kim earned her MED from BC in 2008 and is now a first-grade teacher in Wilmington. • On October 10, 2009, Mary Margaret and **John Griffin** celebrated the wedding of their daughter Mary Margaret to David Galvin at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church in Boothbay Harbor, ME. A reception followed at the Newagen Seaside Inn on Southport Island, where the Griffins have a summer home. **Neal and Patricia Harte** and Jim and Sarah Ann Mahoney joined family and friends at the happy event. John and Mary Margaret have two older children: John, who is married to Michelle VanDeCarr, and Jim, who is married to Michelle Litz and has four children—Benjamin, Bryan, Cole, and Ella. • Again, I am asking that more classmates send me an e-mail so we will have more news. I hope we will see you at our 45th reunion in June!

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Pat Noonan Walsh sends greetings from Dublin, where they have had the coldest winter in many years. Pat is enjoying her first year of retirement, spending time with her seven grandchildren—four girls and three boys—and working on some interesting projects. • **Nancy Cunniff Cole** is working on an assignment at the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant in southern Maryland. She is finding time to enjoy some great sailing and eating lots of crab. It doesn't get better than that. • **Lisa Pustorino Edmiston** echoes the sentiments of many of us. She writes, "We are still learning what retirement means and trying to navigate the mysteries of Medicare, Medigap insurance, Part D, etc." That being said, this writer still thinks that retirement is awesome! Having the time enabled me to take several trips to my old haunts in Pennsylvania; to meet up with old friends, including **Gay Friedmann**, **Rowie Barsa Elenbaas**, and **Judy Maguire** in DC; and to spend about three months in Denver in 2009. • **Joan Walsh Rossi**, MA'66, checked in between ski trips to New Hampshire and Vail. • In January, **Margaret Schmitt Schmidt** and her husband cruised the Caribbean, finding five new ports they hadn't visited before. • **Libby Miller Fitzgerald** reports that she is working pretty regularly now for the NPR station WVTM in Roanoke, doing news stories for *Morning Edition* and *All Things Considered*, as well as hosting a one-hour live call-in public affairs

program once a month called *Evening Edition*. • **Gay Friedmann** spent a month in Florida escaping all the snow that fell in the DC area this winter! Smart planning! • Speaking of planning, it's countdown time to our 45th reunion on June 4–6, and your Reunion Committee has been hard at work. In addition to the Saturday evening class dinner and the Sunday morning Mass and brunch, there will be a private viewing of the exhibit *Asian Journeys: Collecting Art in Post-war America* and a cocktail reception at the McMullen galleries on Saturday evening just prior to our class dinner. Let me know if you haven't received the registration information, and I will put you in touch with our committee. Please e-mail me if you are planning to attend the reunion; I am keeping a running list of attendees and will send it out to you as new names are added. Please make your best effort to join us; we have shared four years of life-changing education and friendships. There is a common bond that unites us; come share the fellowship and the memories. See you soon!

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On March 24, **Muffie Martin**, founding member of the Council for Women of Boston College, participated as a panelist in the GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) event held at the BC Club in Boston, presenting on the topic of networking for women in today's economy. The Council is dedicated to furthering the role of alumnae as leaders and active participants in the University.

NC 1966

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I am giving this month's column over to **Jane Bianco Kelly**, who sent me the following news. Several others responded generously to my request for notes, and I will be holding those until the next issue. Jane writes: "After reading several months ago that you had created a Newton '66 Facebook group, I immediately signed up. Joining FB has been (insert superlative here!). In addition to reconnecting with classmates like **Kathy Brosnan Dixon** and my old roomie **Sandra Puerini Del Sesto** and commiserating with **Beth Gundlach** as she shoveled herself out of one snowstorm after another this winter, I started an online conversation with my dear friend **Mary Lou Wachsmith**. Our e-mails, comments, and reminiscences led to a reunion in February in Naples, FL. We had a great time together, took some cute photos, and caught up on 44 years of growth and change. I can report on the pleasure of being close friends with several of our '66ers. **Mary Jean Sawyers Krackeler** and I, along with our husbands (both Class of '66), spend most of the winter in Naples. The men golf, the women walk on the beach, and we silently thank

our parents for sending us to Newton and into each other's lives. One of 2009's greatest moments was the wedding of Chris Krackeler to Suzanne Madden, daughter of Sharon O'Keefe Madden NC'68. **Judy Schneider Stanley, Midge Kramer Wilker**, Mary Jean, Sharon, and I took up as much bonding time as the occasion would allow. My life in New Jersey for the past 35 years has made it easy for me to connect with metro-area classmates for cocktails and dinner. Jobs, retirement, grandchildren, and aging are all topics that are touched on during these special times together. Mike and I have two children, and they both live in California. We have five grandchildren ranging in age from 3 to 11. They're all individuals, and we adore them. Life has been great, and for all those who might hail from elsewhere: we love New Jersey. Yo! Do you have a problem with that? I hope all our classmates who read this will join us on Facebook. *Just do it!* There are photos galore (everyone looks great!), and it's a blast to find someone after more than 40 years. Thank you, Cathy. I'm grateful that during your very busy and most interesting life, you carved out time to keep us together."

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Connie and **Bill Cotter** are again proud grandparents: twin boys, Graham and Miles, were born in September to their daughter Amory '95 and her husband, Joe Mitchell '94. In March 2009, daughter Amanda and her husband, Mark Driscoll, had a boy, James, and in October 2008, their daughter Christine '02 and her husband, Patrick Gregory, welcomed a daughter, Madeline. Bill is VP and general counsel for Vista Capital. • **Liz (Young) Hormann** writes from Cologne, Germany, where she has lived for the past 24 years. She is currently enrolled in a PhD program in maternal and child health. Liz co-wrote a book on breastfeeding while she was in Kosovo in 1999–2000. It has been translated into French, Hungarian, Italian, and Russian. • We recently spoke with **Phil Lavelle**, also of the Woods College. Phil lives in Needham and owns All Pro Painters. • **Marion Mayr Billings** writes of the passing of her former spouse and our classmate, **Brad Billings**, on January 24, 2010, after a prolonged illness. We extend our condolences to his three children, Timothy in New York City; Stephen, an economics professor at UNC; and Leslie in Charlottesville, VA. He also leaves five grandchildren. Brad received his PhD from Cornell. He lived in northern Virginia and was a professor of economics at Georgetown University for 25 years. • In 2009, **Ellen (Collins) Hollander** passed away in December 2008 in her home in San Antonio, where she had lived since 1970. Most of her career was in personnel management, working primarily at Methodist Hospital in San Antonio. Ellen also taught in the management department of San Antonio College. She leaves her son, Chris Botto. Also, on October 31, 2010, we lost **Timothy J. Banfield Jr.** He was a psychologist in private practice and on staff at Doctors Hospital in Columbus, OH. He leaves

his fiancée, son, two sisters, and three grandchildren. We send condolences to the Hollander and Banfield families. • By the time you read this, the class will have held its annual hockey game and reception. Rink-rats seen at Conte Forum include **Mary-Anne** and **Charles Benedict** MBA'70, **Paul White**, **Jerry Madek** MA'69, **Frank Salimbene**, **Tom Marchitelli**, **Bob Slattery**, **Dennis Griffin**, **John Ryan**, and **Jim Hickey**.

NC 1967

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We have another classmate welcoming a new grandbaby into her family. **Maria Metzler Johnson** dodged ice storms to fly to Chicago right after the birth of the family's first grandchild, Owen Ludovic Alexander, on December 8. Everyone is overjoyed with their little guy. Maria's daughter Martha took three months off from her family practice residency to settle him in. He later took a quick trip to visit his grandparents in Austin for a real Texas welcome! Maria also reported that son Calvin is engaged, and son Matthew changed jobs to work for a nonprofit organization in Minneapolis. It looks like the Johnsons will continue to pile up air miles keeping up with their busy family. • I imagine those of us in normally minimally-snowy sections of the country spent several weeks reminiscing about our Boston days, what with all the snow we accumulated this past winter. At one point, there were reports that all of us stateside—or at least the states we live in—were affected by snow. During that time, I was in touch with **Marilyn Santos Velayo** in the Philippines. Even she remembered her senior year when she had a car: "I will never forget having to change to winter tires just to drive through the snow! Those were the days...carefree and worry free! I will always look back to that time with a lot of fondness." • I recently checked a class list. Of the 150 classmates named on it, 7 had passed away and around 20 are seemingly "lost" or haven't kept their contact information current. (When I e-mail messages to addresses I do have, they sometimes bounce, so please keep your contact information up-to-date.) That means there are a lot of you who are just hiding. We would like to hear from more of you. We have only two more years before our 45th reunion. Let's try to keep connected. I am hoping that warmer weather over the summer will thaw your stubborn joints enough that you can send me some news for the next column. And don't forget to let me know if anyone needs the prayers of our class Prayer Net. In the meantime, enjoy the next three months until there is more news. God bless you all!

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Happy spring, classmates! • For the third year in a row, **Paul Donovan** has been named

by *Boston Magazine* as a Massachusetts Super Lawyer in the area of trust and estate law and estate planning, which is his specialty. He is a partner at the Boston law firm of Taylor, Ganson & Perrin, LLP. Paul lives in Watertown with wife Carol Lazarus (Bennington '69), who is also a lawyer and works for the Boston Public Schools. Their older son, Sam (Bowdoin '07), recently returned to Boston from a nine-month trip around the world. Their younger son, Mike, will graduate from Occidental College in Los Angeles this May. • We send our sincere condolences to the family of our classmate **David Barry**, JD'71, who passed away in Peabody in November 2009. • **John Riordan** moved to Fairfax, VA, owing to a job transfer with the federal government. Noticing all the VTech and UVA license plates, he thought Virginia needed a BC representative. He found that Virginia offered a vanity license plate picturing an eagle, so he ordered a very cool eagle plate with "BC Fan" inscribed. He's had many interesting reactions while tooling the highways of Virginia, Maryland, and North Carolina—particularly at BC–Virginia and other ACC football games. Such fun! I told John that, for many years, the Day family sported BC-fan license plates in Connecticut. They became prized trophies for the dorm walls of our sons while they were at BC and are family heirlooms now. • Our friends **Maureen '69** and **Kip Doran** are serving in the Peace Corps in Ramotswa, Botswana. They are very involved in important medical and educational issues, particularly in the field of AIDS education and literacy programs. Kip, using his African moniker Kgosi, meaning "chief," keeps in contact with family and friends worldwide with his witty and highly informative blog, The Dorans—Boomers in Africa. Kip and Maureen became first-time grandparents in December when beautiful Avie O'Keefe Marshall was born in Boston to daughter Alison '00 and her husband, Jason '00. Heartiest congratulations to all!

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I am so sad to have to tell you that our friend and classmate **Louise Demers Noble**, MED'80, passed away in January after a three-year battle with cancer. She will always be remembered for her gentle smile and kind manner. Louise lived in Duxbury and leaves behind her husband, Bob, and two sons, Alex and Chris. Please keep them in your prayers. • The Newton at Napa Reunion is getting closer! The dates are September 30–October 2. For details, e-mail newtonatnapa@yahoo.com. This promises to be (in 1960s lingo) "a blast." Don't miss it!

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Joan and **Barry Greene** will be celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary in July. Barry is practicing law with his son, Evan, in Boston. Daughter Pam will be starting law school at Syracuse in the fall. Barry and Joan are the proud grandparents of Chloe (7), Benjamin (3), and Lilly (2). Barry is an avid fisherman and enjoys taking Chloe out in his boat.

NC 1969

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My favorite time of year just arrived! Unfortunately I have sad news again. Our classmate **Peggy Burns Ludeke** passed away on January 19, 2009. When I first arrived at the Academy of the Sacred Heart in Cincinnati way back in seventh grade, Peggy was my first friend. We spent many years being best friends. We bought clothes alike, talked on the phone constantly, and even had our own language! Over the past several years we drifted apart, but often on trips back to Cincinnati to see my parents, I would run into her. I remember exactly where we were the very last time I saw her. For the last few years, Peggy dealt with a very serious progressive palsy disease much like Parkinson's disease. The doctors knew just what it was, but they could not help her. Her dear 97-year-old mother wrote me the nicest note. She said Peggy never gave up during her sickness. Before her illness, Peggy was an accomplished equestrienne. She loved horses way back when we were in seventh grade; she was constantly drawing them. Please say a prayer for her and for her husband, Ted. • Along with that prayer, you can also say one for **Ann Lessing Bresnan's** husband, who passed away just after Thanksgiving. Bill was a pioneer in the cable industry. He was well liked in the industry and admired for his dedication to those less fortunate. Just before his death, he received an award from the Fiver Children's Foundation for building a pavilion at Camp Fiver, a summer camp in upstate New York for underprivileged children. We send our condolences, Ann. • In December 2009, **Jill Hendrickson Daly** became a grandmother for the second time when granddaughter Quinn Frances Daly was born. • Last

December, **Paula Fisher Paterson** spent a week cruising the Danube, and in February, she became a grandmother for the third time, welcoming Charles John Paterson. • Jill and **Sue Davies Maurer** spent a week in November riding horses at a dude ranch in Wyoming. • In the Fall 2009 issue of *Boston College Magazine*, I hope you read the article about **Susan Power Gallagher**, who received the William V. McKenney Award, honoring her for her outstanding contributions to Boston College, to her profession, and to society. This past February, the entire Gallagher family rallied and held the second annual Put Your Heart Into It evening to raise funds for Donate Life, an organ transplant organization. You'll remember that Tim, Susan's son, received his second heart transplant in December 2008. • Send some happy news, please.

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Stantec Inc., a professional services company in the design and consulting industry, has named **Paul Cellucci**, JD'73, as its new director. Paul is a former U.S. ambassador to Canada and a former Massachusetts governor. • Last October, **Kevin Dole** received the Pathologist of the Year award, the College of American Pathologists' highest honor, in recognition of his strong leadership of the Council on Membership and Professional Development and his contributions to the college and the specialty of pathology over many years. Kevin earned his MD at Tufts University School of Medicine. • **Joan Rahavy** of Waterbury Center, VT, has been accepted into the Peace Corps. She was expecting to depart for Thailand in January to begin training as a community development Peace Corps volunteer. Joan, who holds a master's in finance from Babson College, previously worked as director of international human resources at Verizon Communications. • In fall 2009, **Jim Reilly** spent a week at sea aboard the Navy aircraft carrier *USS Ronald Reagan*. One of about 800 civilian guests on a special "tiger cruise," he sailed from Pearl Harbor to the ship's home port in San Diego as the guest of his son, Lt.

Andrew M. Reilly '98. Among the highlights of the trip was an air power demonstration featuring the ship's various types of aircraft, including a supersonic flyby. Andrew, an assistant operations officer for Carrier Air Wing 14, flies the EA-6B Prowler and had just returned from a five-month deployment providing air support to our troops in Afghanistan. Andrew, wife Kelly Reilly '99, MSW'00, and their son Fletcher (4) live in Lemoore, CA. Jim has been practicing law with Herzog Law Firm, PC, for the past 35 years and is also an Air Force veteran.

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Congratulations to **Barbara Ann "Chickie" Villano**, who retired as presiding criminal court judge after 20 years on Ocean County's bench! A former National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges trustee known for rehabilitating through treatment rather than incarceration and for juvenile justice reform, Chickie won accolades from the New Jersey Bar and the press. Postretirement plans include Spain's Camino de Santiago pilgrimage, returning as "a certified pilgrim"; offering friends cooking classes; and learning pottery. Wish her joy! • Congratulations to **Patti Bruni Keefe**, Montrose School honoree for educating women of faith, character, and vision; novice skeet-shooter **Jane McMahon**, photographed looking quite professional as she practiced her 20-gauge at the Danbury, CT, gun club (with **Margie Sawyer** of Bellingham, WA); **Harriet Mullaney**, proud aunt of adorable great-nephew Max; and **Jane Reilly**, a Taj Mahal visitor with son Mike and a grandmother to charming Jackson and Avery. • **Cricket Costigan** reports that "life goes on pleasantly." Cricket, acting deputy commissioner of the Islip, Long Island, Planning Department, lives with her mother (age 100) and brother in a waterfront house they built 15 years ago. "My recently assumed challenge is raising Bluey, a black Lab puppy from the Guide Dog Foundation. Now I see why I didn't have children. To win wars, we should airdrop black Lab puppies in enemy territory; they'd destroy everything in sight. I'll return Bluey to the foundation after a year, and wiser trainers will finish his education as a guide dog. I escape monthly to my house in a rustic area on the Chesapeake's Eastern Shore. If a classmate finds herself near Nanticoke, MD, she's probably lost—but very welcome. I finished a season as catcher for a town softball team. My teammates, 20-something males and one female, all smoked, cursed constantly, and had various metal objects fastened to their faces. They gave me a team spirit award and didn't seem to notice that I was old enough to be their grandmother. What a hoot!" Cricket maintains a Manhattan apartment and welcomes visitors. • Your e-mails are ever wittier. Is this aging or a reunion warm-up? When **Joan O'Callaghan** culled her closets (there's discipline!), she uncovered and circulated a college-era photo of **Mary Downs**,

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LLM'74. Mary's unduly modest response: "I remember the sweater, but both it and the figure are long gone!" Chickie Villano's more considered judgment (she did spend 20 years on the bench): "Hey—that's my roommate! Was and still is gorgeous, although now much more a Candice Bergen look." A reflective exchange!

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Congratulations to Barbara and **Dominick Preziosi**, who became grandparents for the first time in September 2009 when Molly was born to their daughter Jennifer. Then in November, they became grandparents again when daughter Carrienne '02, MSW'07, gave birth to Maggie. In January, Dominick and Barbara came to California and visited us at our home in Mill Valley. We celebrated their milestones with a dinner paired with a flight of excellent California wines. Dominick reports that **Steve Fogarty** became a grandparent in August 2009 with the birth of Benjamin. • I am happy to report that my daughter Jennifer '09 was accepted at Stanford University for graduate study in the School of Education. She will be starting in June. My son, James Jr., is completing a one-year tour of duty in Iraq. He took a break during his sophomore year of college to deploy with his National Guard unit. We look forward to his return in April. • **Joe Collins** reports that **Charley McBride** is VP of investor relations at Pitney Bowes, where he has worked for 37 years. Charley's son Chuck is a junior at BC, maintaining the McBride family tradition; Charley's father, two sisters, daughter, and cousin are all BC graduates! Charley and his wife, Judy, are avid Eagle football fans. They have held season tickets for the last seven years, and they follow the team on the road, including bowl games. • Congratulations to **Richard Walega**, who was selected by President Obama in February to serve as HUD's New England regional director. Richard will serve as HUD's liaison to mayors, city managers, elected representatives, state and local officials, members of Congress, private and nonprofit developers, stakeholders, and customers. He will oversee the delivery of HUD programs and services to communities and evaluate their efficiency and effectiveness. Prior to the appointment, he served as executive director of the Housing Authority in New Bedford. After BC, Richard received his master's in government from the University of San Francisco. • I wish everyone a great summer—and don't forget to write!

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Mary Lou DeLong, a founding member of the Council for Women of Boston College,

participated as a host in the Take a Student to Work program for higher education administration at Boston College on March 16. Take a Student to Work is a council sponsored program in which a council member hosts a group of students at her place of business. The council is dedicated to furthering the role of alumnae as leaders and active participants in the University. • *Editor's note: We would like to thank **Gigi Pardo** for her long service as correspondent for the Newton College Class of '71. We are now seeking a new correspondent; if you would like to serve as a volunteer in this position, please contact Betsy McLain, class notes editor, at bcaacomm@bc.edu or at the address noted above.*

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I've had some more reminders of our time at the Heights. One was when Scott Brown, JD'85, was elected to the U.S. Senate. There were frequent mentions in the media of another Republican who once represented Massachusetts in the Senate: Edward Brooke. Senator Brooke, who celebrated his 90th birthday last fall, was the keynote speaker at the Gold Key Society banquet in 1971, during which the officers from our class were installed: **Adolph Iannaccone** as president, **Patrick Stoute** and **John Zelem** as vice presidents, **Richard Page** as treasurer, and your correspondent as secretary. Since graduation, Adolph has had a career working in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Buffalo, and Patrick has been a social worker in Oakland. John is a surgeon in Connecticut, and Richard is a teacher in New Hampshire. • Another reminder was the U.S. ice hockey team's silver medal performance at the Winter Olympics. Tom Mellor '73, originally a member of our class, was a member of that team and also of the U.S. hockey team that won a silver medal at the 1972 Sapporo games in Japan. Later, he returned to play for the Eagles and went on to play in the NHL. Tom is now president of Windham Capital Group in Boston. • Returning to the subject of Massachusetts politics, the only member of our class with his own page on Wikipedia.com is **William Galvin**, who has served as secretary of state since 1994. Previously, he represented the Allston-Brighton district in the state legislature. He lives in Brighton with his wife and daughter. • I made the first of my happy 60th birthday calls to **Bob Paige**, who's a manager in the state of New Jersey agency that provides services to the disabled. Bob lives in Medford with his wife, Sue, and their two teenagers; his 90-year-old father lives nearby. • My next happy birthday call went to **Gene McLaughlin**, who observed several milestones last year: his 30th year as assistant town attorney in Greenwich, CT; the marriage of his son Owen; and the 95th birthday of his father. Gene and Allyson live in Fairfield with their two younger children, and Owen attends Clemson University. Gene had a recent visit with New York Supreme Court Justice **Bill Giacomo**.

NC 1972

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Please keep in our prayers Honore O'Brien Cagney, mother of **Mary Ellen Cagney**, who passed away in January. • Christmas brought "green" news from **Maureen Kelly** about life outside Los Angeles and, of course, on the beach. As usual, Maureen and **Penny Price Nachtman** met in October and had a Newton tea on the beach. After the visit, Penny requested a copy of our SWC list. Stay tuned for news about Maureen and Penny's newly formed SWC reading group. • **Vance Bonner** was featured in the December 3, 2009, issue of the *Bend Bulletin*. Vance developed a method of fitness training that aims to correct posture "to eliminate imbalances that stress the body, resulting in tightness and pain." After many years teaching other trainers and students, including professional athletes and entertainers, in Sun Valley and Malibu, Vance moved to Bend, OR. Her book, *The Vance Stance* (Workman Publishing, 1993) describes the program, which she continues to teach from a studio in her home in Bend. You may get in touch with Vance at vancebonner@juno.com. • Before snow hits Washington DC again, please send me news. • Finally, thanks to my sister Joan NC'73, here is the link to an article about our beloved RSCJs at Teresian House in Albany: www.timesunion.com/AspStories/story.asp?storyID=886842. The pictures return us to our days on the Newton Campus. Thanks, Joan.

1973

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All the Eagles must have hibernated for the winter months. If you have a newsworthy item, or know of a classmate who does, please send a note to me at the address above. Thanks.

NC 1973

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My sincere condolences to **Sue Iovieno-Sunar**, whose husband died in January. Erdogan was born in Turkey and was proud of his military service in the Turkish Air Forces with NATO. He retired from Polaroid in 1995 and died at home in Sue's arms. • **Mary (Doherty) Ellroy**, MBA'78, has a new game on the market, Pickles to Penguins; keep an eye out for it! • I heard from **Lynn Terry Tacher**, MEd'75, whose daughter is working for the Department of Justice and owns a home in Woodbridge, VA. We've had quite the correspondence about snow. For some reason, DC was inundated with the snow that rightfully belongs to the White Mountains of New Hampshire! We had barely any this year. • **Ann Reed** is the beaming

grandmother of twins born to her daughter and son-in-law, Eileen and Dave Feder. Tom and Maggie were born at 3-plus pounds each and rapidly gained weight before being sent home. Remarkable. Ann and David's son Matt is a busy eighth-grader. He skateboards and skis. Ann retired from AIG and is delighted she can spend time with her grandchildren.

• **Pat Saling** is well in Chapel Hill, NC. She has lived in the same house since the early 1980s and has been married to Keith since the 1970s. In 2003 she was diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis, so she retired from her clinical research position at Duke. Keith and daughter Claire gifted pottery lessons to Pat, which begat a new career in pottery; she displays her work at a few local galleries and is preparing to launch a Web site, www.PatriciaSaling.com. • Lawrence '75, MA'78, PhD'87, and **Judy McCarthy Kennedy** now live in Scranton, PA, where Lawrence is a history professor at the University of Scranton. Judy earned her MA in English from the University of Scranton and taught college writing. She retired last year and is now a busy volunteer. Son Patrick '99 is a senior editor/writer in alumni marketing and communications at BU, and Paul '02 is a lawyer at Cornell & Golub. • I missed connecting with **Jude Chimenti** here in the mountains; she was working and skiing at Attitash, where she has a home, while I was inundated with appointments. More on Jude next time. • Thanks for the updates and remember, I am fallible, so if I commit a sin of omission, it is just that, and it will be rectified! Promise. • Have a great summer!

1974

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Hi, everyone! I hope that 2010 has been a good year for you and your family so far! • This is shaping up to be a *great* year for Jim and me and our family: we will have our first wedding in October, when our eldest son marries a wonderful young woman, and we will have our final, and fourth, college graduation when our youngest graduates in May! Whew! Please send me some news of what's happening with you this year. • Congratulations

go to **James Hanrahan**, JD'77, who was named managing partner at Bowditch & Dewey, LLP, in January, assuming responsibility for setting the firm's strategic direction and guiding its continued growth. Among his many other professional responsibilities, Jim, a Framingham resident, is a director, and serves on the Executive Committee, of the South Middlesex Opportunity Council, and he is president and chair of the Corporation for Sponsored Ministries of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston. • I received a nice note from **Carla DeStefano Godfrey** about a great get-together she and several other classmates and friends had in the fall in Rhode Island. Joining Carla, who lives in Barrington, were her roommates from South Street: **Sharon Kuna Twedell** from St. Louis, **Laurie Day Fitzpatrick** from Chicago, and **Joedi Malone Cahill** from Suffield, CT. Patti Colella Armstrong '75 met up with them, too. Thanks, Carla! • I would like to extend the class's sympathies to the families and friends of **Marilyn A. Barba** of Mirror Lake, NH, and **Joseph A. McNally** of Mililani, HI. Both classmates passed away in 2009. • Take care, and please be in touch.

NC 1974

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Maureen O'Halloran, RSCJ, JD'90, recently concluded a seven-year term as provincial treasurer and CFO of the Society of the Sacred Heart, U.S. Province at the society's national headquarters in St. Louis.

1975

REUNION 2010

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Hello, everyone! • As we head into the reunion homestretch, our class, as of February 26, has 280 donors, which is about 15.5 percent of the class. Our goal is 695 donors. We are hoping that everyone in the class will consider making a gift of *any* size by May 31. Giving is easy.

Please visit www.bc.edu/give. • Classmate **Kevin Short** has released a CD of Irish songs titled *Cotter's Tunes*, which is available through www.cotterstunes.com as either a CD or a download. All profits from the sale of *Cotter's Tunes* will go to fund the college education of the three children of Kevin's law-school classmate John Cotter of Buffalo, NY, who died from a sudden heart attack in late 2008. • In fall 2009, **Gerard Lorusso** was elected chairman of Norwood Hospital's board of trustees. Gerard, who holds a law degree from New England School of Law, is president and CEO of Lorusso Corporation in Plainville. The company manufactures construction materials and is the principal partner of Edgewood Development Company, which develops real estate. In addition, he serves on the board of the Hockmock YMCA and has been a trustee of Xavierian Brothers High School, his alma mater. Gerard and his wife, Leslie, have five children and live in Wrentham. • **Mary Suzanne Devine Conway**, MSW'77, PhD'08, is a new member of the Council for Women of Boston College. In March, Suzy participated as a host in the Take a Student to Work program, a council-sponsored program in which a council member hosts a group of students at her place of business. • Classmates have enjoyed getting together for prereunion events, including the BC-Clemson basketball game watch at Alumni House and the BC-BU SunLife Frozen Fenway hockey game held at Fenway Park. Among the revelers were **Laurie Nichols Cochran**, **Vinny Quealy**, **Kathie McCarthy**, **Nancy O'Connor McCleary**, **Scottie Reid**, **Fran Rush**, **Candy Kelley-McLaughlin** '76, **Sally Hanke Lynch**, **Sheila Harrington**, **Steve Turner**, **Mark Riley**, and **Peter McNamara** '76. My apologies to anyone I missed at the jam-packed Boylston St. pre- and post-game party! • Congratulations to **Mary E. Kane**, who was recently promoted to head of structured products research at Citi Global Markets. For the past six years, Mary has ranked first or second in *Institutional Investor's* All-America Fixed Income Research poll for consumer ABS. • On a somber note, **William L. Ruane Jr.** of Belmont passed away on November 5, 2009. Bill graduated from Belmont High, where he excelled in football and baseball and was inducted into the school's Hall of Fame. He received an athletic scholarship from BC, played on the baseball team, and was named MVP of the Greater Boston Baseball League. For over 20 years, Bill was the chief deputy clerk at the John J. Moakley Courthouse in Boston. Our sincere condolences to his wife, Kathleen, and his children, Allison, Mathew, and Kristen. • Take care and I hope to see you at Reunion Weekend, June 4-6.

NC 1975

REUNION 2010

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In November 2009, **Barbara Prazak** was named medical director of Outer Cape Health Services in Provincetown, after having served as acting medical director since June. Barbara and her husband, Richard Goldberg, who is a builder, live in Wellfleet. They have two teenagers: Dan (19), a student at Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts in North Adams, and Charlotte (16), a sophomore at Nauset. • Last fall, **Kathy Regan** received the annual Award for Innovation from the American Psychiatric Nurses Association. Kathy was recognized for “her leadership, direction, vision, and partnership with her staff to better care for children with serious mental illness and to have had the opportunity to share that vision and success with others.” Kathy is a nurse manager at Cambridge Health Alliance and the author of *Opening Our Arms* (Bull Publishing, 2006), a book documenting the changes undergone and challenges faced in the alliance’s Child Assessment Unit.

1977

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Nicholas D. Kydes was elected, for a third term, to the Common Council for the City of Norwalk, CT. He serves as chairman of the city’s Finance Committee. Nick joined the Royal Bank of Scotland in 2009 as VP of information technology sourcing and vendor management, and he has been spearheading strategies that have reduced the bank’s operating costs. Nick and his wife, Carol, will be celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary on May 25. They are proud to announce that their daughter Olympia will be graduating from Fordham University on May 22, with a BA in international political economy and a minor in classical civilizations. Olympia has also been inducted into the international honor society for economics, Omicron Delta Epsilon. • **Shawn (Zehnder) Larsen**, MEd’80, writes that she and her Class of 1977 roommates and “buddies for life,” **Jackie (Locke) Mills** and **Mary (Dwyer) Fallon**, shared a girls getaway weekend with her in Florida. What happens in Florida stays in Florida? Shawn’s son Connor, a BC junior, shares a love of travel: he is spending a semester in Argentina (giving his parents a wonderful reason to visit) and spring break in Belgium with other BC friends. She adds, “Friends and travel, wonderful family traditions!” • Our hearts and prayers are with the family of our classmate **Joseph F. Pascale** of Newport Beach, CA, who passed away on November 23, 2009. God rest his soul, and Mother Mary embrace and comfort him in heaven, now and forever. • Please drop me a line and let your classmates know what you are up to! • May all good things find the path to your door.

1978

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Greetings, classmates! I actually found a few notes from you in my in-box recently. Thanks! • First up is **Terry Crimmins**, MAT’05, who returned to the Heights to get an MA degree in teaching. He has since been teaching history in the Baltimore Public Schools. Even more exciting is that Triboro Pictures has given him an option agreement on a screenplay, a bio-pic about the life of Joseph Pulitzer! Congrats, Terry! He also gives a shout-out to the members of Brown House (15 South St.) and hopes that they make our next reunion in 2013. • Another literary success is our own **Evan Marshall**, whose ninth mystery novel, *Dark Alley*, was just published by Severn House. Evan, a writer of both fiction and nonfiction, is also a literary agent, working and living in Pine Brook, NJ, with his wife, Martha Jewett, and two sons in their early 20s. • And speaking of sons, classmates **John and Jane Bogel Spatola**’s son, John ’10, was recently elected senior captain of the Boston College baseball team. Last year, in BC’s first appearance in the NCAA tournament since 1967, John hit a go-ahead three-run homer in the ninth inning to lead the Eagles to an 8–7 win over Texas State. He was also named to the NCAA Austin Regional All-Tournament team. Jane and John were looking forward to traveling with the team this spring. • Congratulations and bravo to all four classmates! • I need to end on a somber note, in paying tribute to the life of **Mark S. Christian** of Bellingham, WA, who died on New Year’s Day.

1979

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Candy O’Connell, wife of **John O’Connell**, reports that their daughter Meghan ’10 and Katie Browne ’10, daughter of the late **Marcia Ridley Browne**, both studied at University County Cork in Ireland during spring semester last year. Although they did not know each other before arriving in Cork, they quickly discovered that their parents were in the same class at BC. The pair became friends and traveled Europe together over the long April break before final exams. It is a small world, and the children of BC grads live wonderful lives! • In January 2010, **Bob Martin** was selected by governor-elect Chris Christie to lead New Jersey’s Department of Environmental Protection. Bob was Christie’s energy and environmental advisor during the gubernatorial campaign, after retiring as a partner with Accenture. Bob holds a degree in economics and sociology from Boston College and an MBA from George Washington University. • **Karen Jennings Flynn** is a new member of the Council for Women of Boston College. Also, in February, **Candace O’Terry Gaffny** cochaired the Eagle-to-Eagle program, a council-sponsored program directed to female student athletes and focusing on leadership skills and career advice. Candy O’Terry is a singer, public speaker, and on-air personality at Magic 106.7 WMJX in Boston.

She is president of American Women in Radio & Television, New England, and a board member of the Massachusetts Broadcasters Hall of Fame. She is also the radio spokesperson for Making Strides Against Breast Cancer. • Once again, I renew my plea for submissions. Please stay in touch!

1980 REUNION 2010

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It’s almost Reunion Weekend! We are on target to have the best 30th reunion in BC’s history, but to reach this goal, we need you! Did you know that attending our class reunion is a terrific way to help stimulate the economy? Or at least assuage the bad economy blues? • Never at a loss at finding reasons to gather and celebrate, a group of women, who began their friendship in Duchesne West, traveled to Manhattan to hear the landmark speech of floormate **Jane “Mary Jane” (Kelley) Rodeheffer**. Mary Jane, noted for her work in philosophy, world studies, and Great Books, spoke at the inauguration of the new president of Manhattan College. Attending were **Betsy (Liddel) Glazer**, Moya (Segerson) Joosten ’81 (proud parent of three boys currently attending, or recently graduated from, BC), **Catherine (Gordon) Einhaus**, **Allyson Burke**, **Jeanne Tingo**, **Jane (Zimmermann) Slater**, and **Eileen (Costello) Marx**. You can bet this group is looking forward to our 30th! • **Barbara Van Loo Flodberg** enjoys living in the suburbs of Denver, complete with its skiing and outdoor life. Her daughter is in eighth grade, and her son is a freshman at Colorado University Engineering School. “I’m looking forward to our reunion. I’m always glad to regroup with my BC buddies—some of the best years of my life,” Barbara said. • **Kathleen Ryan Noonan** of New York exemplifies Eagle strength at its best. Her accomplishments thus far: being a special education teacher and a mother of two sons, earning a master’s at Rutgers University, receiving a heart and double lung transplant, and retiring from teaching. “I can’t wait to attend our reunion. Hard to believe it’s been 30 years since we all worked and played so hard at BC,” Kathy said. • **James O’Keefe**, PhD’92, teaches math at Lesley University, where he’s been a professor for 18 years. He lives in Lexington with his wife, Heather, and three boys: One is a senior at Bates College, another is a freshman at Bentley, and the youngest is a sophomore at Lexington High. All are basketball players, described as “hoops’ triple threat,” by the *Boston Globe*. “I’m looking forward to the reunion,” Jim said. • **Katherine “Katie” Schmitt Root** lives in Rochester, NY, with Don, her husband of 30 years. Daughter Katherine is a neonatal ICU nurse, and Meredith is a student at SUNY-Brockport and a part-time paralegal. Katie, a senior industrial hygienist, has been with Eastman Kodak for almost 28 years. “I haven’t seen some of my BC friends since our wedding. Just might make it to this reunion,” Katie said. • **Michael R.T. Murphy** continues to enjoy his work as a special educator and

licensed clinical social worker in Portland, OR. He and his wife, Julia Hagan, recently celebrated their 25th anniversary. They will miss the reunion to attend their oldest daughter's college graduation. • **Anne Terese Colao** is a second-grade teacher in the Great Neck (NY) Public Schools. Her 15-year-old daughter was a baby the last time Anne Terese attended a reunion. "I've lost touch with some classmates because of moves and changes we've all made, but hope to catch up with them during Reunion Weekend," she said. • **Kathy (Noble) Arthur** is a nursing supervisor at the American Red Cross. Her husband co-owns Chasm Technologies in Canton. They have four sons, ages 18–26, with three attending college. "I'm looking forward to the reunion," Kathy said. • **Frank Hone** and his wife, Chris, recently relocated to Naples, FL, from New York because of Frank's new job as director of sustainable engagement at Healthways. This follows many years in health-care advertising, most recently with Ogilvy Healthworld and a short period with Healthcentric Partners. His book, *Why Healthcare Matters: How Business Leaders Can Drive Transformational Change*, was published in 2008 by HRD Press. • Let's set BC records with the greatest reunion turnout. See you in June on the Heights!

1981

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Bob Kelly recently relocated from Southern California to Denver and joined New World Van Lines as director of sales. Now in his 29th year of service with the Marine Corps Reserve, Bob is a colonel and is in charge of a liaison detachment. Bob's son Robert (19) is a freshman at Saint Anselm College in Manchester, NH, where he was recruited for baseball, and son Michael (14) is in eighth grade and is quite the golfer. Bob's wife, Shawn, owns an interior design company, i-studio interior design, and specializes in veterinary hospitals. • Congratulations to **Paula McDonald Kavolius**, founder and president of the Yawkey House of Possibilities (HOPE), a respite home for special-needs children on the campus of Stonehill College in Easton. Paula's vision and determination ensured that HOPE was built on budget and on time, welcoming its first clients following a mid-July grand opening. On hand for the opening ceremony were classmates **Maura Casey O'Brien**, **Rob Reilly**, and **Kerry Nee-Clasby**. As you can imagine, there is no place like HOPE! Check out Paula's Web site: www.houseofpossibilities.org. • **Barbara Coughlan Walsh**, JD'84, was elected president of the Fairfield County Bar Association. Barbara, a partner of the Norwalk-based law firm of Tierney, Zullo, Flaherty & Murphy PC, is a trial attorney whose practice focuses on civil litigation, including medical malpractice defense, labor and employment law, and land use appeals. She is a member of the executive board of the planning and zoning section of the Connecticut Bar Association and had served as cochair of the Fairfield County Bar Association's Land Use Committee for many years. She lives in Ridgefield, CT, with her

husband, Joe, and their three boys. • **M. J. Moltenbrey**, JD'84, is a litigation partner in the Washington DC office of Howrey LLP. She was formerly a partner at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP in DC. • **Nancy O'Donnell**, JD'85, participated as a host in the Council of Women for Boston College's Take a Student to Work program at Rackemann, Sawyer & Brewster in Boston in February. • **Kimberle Chapin-Robertson** was selected to serve as chair of the American Board of Medical Microbiology. Kimberle is director of the Microbiology Laboratory, Lifespan Academic Medical Center, and associate professor of pathology and laboratory medicine at Brown University's Warren Alpert Medical School in Providence. • I regret to report that our classmate **Maryellen Courtney Zapata** of Quincy passed away on November 11, 2009. Our sincerest condolences to Maryellen's family and friends.

1982

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Gene Roman wrote from London, where he and reporter colleagues are collecting footage for a documentary. They'll be traveling through Ireland, Spain, Prague, Sweden, and Italy. Before leaving the United States, Gene attended a party at Boston College High School celebrating the publication of the memoirs of Coach Jim Cotter '59. Coach Cotter is **Grace Cotter's** dad. He taught and coached the football team at BC High for 20 years. Gene highly recommends his book. The following link provides information on the memoirs: www.coachjimcotter.com. Gene was thrilled to see Grace and her family as well as his old friend **Dan Leahy**, MED'91. Gene was amused when Dan inquired, "Where have you been? Hiding in the Witness Protection Program?" Last summer, Gene spent a day in New Hampshire with **Fran Cipriano Newton**. He also visited his old roommate **Jay Leach** and his family. Gene had a great visit with **George Winchester, SJ**, at Loyola House in Boston. • **Brian Cummins** is working again as a civilian with defense firm Northrop Grumman in northern Virginia. Last September, Brian sent three of his children off to college, one to BC and two to Emmanuel. His wife, **Patty '81, MA'83**, continues to teach Spanish at a parochial school while keeping the family organized—a full-time job in and of itself. • **Brenda Rastallis Tobin** wrote about a double graduation year for her children. Her oldest son, **Kyle (22)**, graduated from Wentworth Institute with a degree in architecture. He was accepted into the fifth-year master's program, so he will stay in Boston for one more year. Her middle son, **Brett (18)**, graduated from high school and is now studying business at the Isenberg School of Management at UMass Amherst, where he was recruited for the lacrosse team. Daughter **Amber (15)** is a sophomore in high school. Brenda is unemployed at the moment and loving it. Her husband is a regional sales manager on the East Coast for PING golf. PING is based in Phoenix, so he travels there once a month. The family traveled to Rhode

Island and to Southern California last summer and enjoyed it. • Last fall, **Cindi Bigelow** made a video with BC students about tea. Visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=rmyisHOGk and click on videos to view. • **Mary Ellen Amsler Jay** has joined the Council for Women of Boston College. • Condolences to the family of **Maureen A. Muckian** of Lynn, who passed away on January 6.

1983

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Susie Norris-Epstein, artisan chocolatier, pastry chef/instructor, and TV producer, is now also a cookbook author: her first book, *Chocolate Bliss: Sensuous Recipes, Spa Treatments, and Other Divine Indulgences*, was published by Random House/Celestial Arts in October 2009. Susie's chocolate business, Happy Chocolates, was featured on the Food Network and in *More* magazine. Susie has been an associate chef/instructor at the California School of Culinary Arts; earlier, she was VP, series television, for the Disney Channel and held similar positions at other networks. She now produces television programming with her husband, TV writer Jacob Epstein, and writes for *Zester Daily* (www.zesterdaily.com)—and her next book is about vanilla! Susie divides her time between the Berkshires and Los Angeles. Read more at www.ballantinespr.com/bliss.

1984

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Greetings to all! Here's the news. • **J.P. Hansen**, president of Hansen Executive Search, Inc., has written two books: *The Bliss List Journal* and *The Bliss List: The Ultimate Guide to Living the Dream at Work and Beyond!*, an inspirational self-help book. J.P.'s stated goal is to help over 100,000 people. He is promoting the books with a media blitz and book signings. His Web site is www.YourBlissList.com. Books purchased by alumni through his website will be autographed. • For the past seven years, **Gary Presto** has been an academic associate to the dean, Arts and Sciences division, at Bunker Hill Community College in Boston. He has also been working for more than 10 years as a freelance Italian into English translator and editor of printed materials and Web content for various clients and organizations. Last September, Gary began a master's program in gerontology with a management of aging services track at UMass-Boston. • At the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia, **Richard Stefanacci** leads the Center for Medicare Medication Management, which is focused on improving pharmaceutical treatments for older adults. In this capacity, Richard was invited to present at the U.S.-Japan Generic Drug symposium at the U.S. Embassy

in Tokyo. His talk was on the policies and practices that have allowed the United States to achieve high generic utilization. The trip was especially enjoyable because Richard's youngest son, Christopher, accompanied him. • **Anna Bamonte Torrance** was appointed to serve on the board of directors of SharpVisions, Inc. Anna is an attorney practicing health-care law. After BC, she earned her law degree from the Pittsburgh School of Law in 1987. • **Don Halloran** is president of Southern Folger Detention Equipment Company in San Antonio. Don's company manufactures, services, and installs detention equipment for prisons, jails, and detention facilities worldwide. The company recently completed a three-year project of rebuilding locking devices at Alcatraz for the National Park Services. To read more, go to www.nps.gov and type in Don's name. • **Joseph H. Baldiga, JD '87**, was selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* for 2010 in the field of bankruptcy and creditor-debtor rights law. Joe is a partner at Mirick O'Connell and chairs the firm's creditors' rights, bankruptcy, and reorganization group. • Please keep the news coming!

1985

REUNION 2010

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Wow, our 25th reunion! I hope many of our classmates will be able to attend Reunion Weekend on June 4–6. • **Sharon Bessette Bradley, Cathy Eagan Johnston, JulieAnn Kulas Wacławski, Kathy Moody Cornell**, and some of their family members had a long overdue get-together at the BC–Wake Forest football game on September 26, 2009. They had a lot to catch up on and had a great time chatting and watching a fabulous game. • **Jeanne d'Oliveira Buckley, Terry Sibilis Kais**, and **Barbara Nassaney Joseph** were able to sneak away for a fun girls weekend in January. Terry, now a seven-year breast cancer survivor, is living in Fairfield, CT, with husband Joe; girls Natalie (13) and Grace (10); and their dog, Bailey. After 25 years, she has finally decided to go back to school in the health-care field. Jeanne is living in Wakefield with husband Joe and two kids, Lily (11) and Peter (9). After spending two years teaching in Oman with her family, she is back in the States teaching pre-school students in Melrose. Barbara is living in Newton Centre with husband Andrew; girls, Westly (11) and Victoria (9); and their dog, Lucky. After spending over 20 years in the software localization industry, she is looking for her next interesting career. Barbara is currently tutoring math, while her husband is starting a new company, TenMarks Education. When they're not in Newton, you can find them at their second house in Vermont, skiing at Mt. Snow. • **Jim Dunford** is a series manager for *American Experience*, PBS's longest-running, most-watched history series. Two of his kids are in college: son James is at Loyola and daughter Kara is at George Washington. • **Kathleen Concheri Ciaramello** was promoted to VP, East Region

THE FRUITS OF TECHNOLOGY

As Apple's senior vice president for worldwide product marketing, Phil Schiller '82 knows how technology can inspire people, which was the case for him at Boston College.

A native of Newton, Massachusetts, Schiller entered the Heights with a passion for marine biology, but he found new inspiration in BC's core curriculum and electives, discovering what would become an enduring interest in computer science.

"In the computer programming class I took at BC, we started out working with punch cards and eventually moved on to line printers," says Schiller. "We were introduced to the basics of programming in C, Pascal, Assembly, and Machine code. It gave me the confidence to be flexible and adapt quickly to emerging technologies in my own career."

After positions as a systems analyst and information technology manager, Schiller joined Apple in 1987 and transitioned into marketing roles. He says it was an on-the-job learning experience, but what made it easier—and continues to keep marketing exciting—are the products themselves, whether it is Apple's now ubiquitous iPod or the newly introduced iPad.

"In many ways, Boston College and Apple are similar," says Schiller. "Both sit at the intersection of technology and liberal arts, creating an environment where people are encouraged to learn, grow, and innovate."

Below, Schiller discusses more about his work and his alma mater:

WHAT IS YOUR BEST BC MEMORY?

Attending the 2008 Frozen Four in Denver with my family and watching men's hockey win a national championship. The best moment of that weekend was the service that was held for the players and their families the morning before the final. It was a remarkable experience to be with a team at that moment, when athletics, education, and spirituality all came together.

WHERE IS YOUR FAVORITE SPOT ON THE HEIGHTS?

I enjoyed a number of places: studying in Bapst Library, partying when bands came to play in the basement of Lyons, learning computer programming in Gasson, creating art in the studio on Newton Campus, and cheering at basketball games in the old Roberts Center.



Phil Schiller credits Boston College for much of his success at Apple.

WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST JOB?

My first job out of school was as a lab technician at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, colocated in Massachusetts General Hospital. After that, I moved into Mass. General to work as a programmer/analyst. That was a great job—it provided me with the freedom to program interesting SAS analyses on large patient datasets on the hospital's mainframe and to maintain outpatient databases on a VAX minicomputer.

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE BC CLASS?

My favorites were the great electives. I took fascinating classes such as "Physical Oceanography," "Exploration Geophysics," and "Advanced Computer Programming." Not only did I enjoy these classes, but they also helped me to develop an ability to learn new fields of study quickly, which has been a tremendous asset throughout my career.

TO READ THE PROFILE OF PHIL SCHILLER ONLINE, VISIT
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Foodservice and On-Premise division, of Coca-Cola North America. • **Mal and Jean (Gerondeau) Duffy** live in Medfield. Jean works as a reading specialist in a Medfield elementary school. • Congratulations to all of us on making it to our 25th reunion year! We have all had many experiences as BC grads, but I do hope each and every one of us still remembers many of the great BC experiences we had in 1981 through 1985! Happy 25th reunion year!

1986

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Paul Harrington just published his first novel! Called *Epiphany*, it's an adventure novel about the journey of the Magi. It's available on Amazon.com and on Kindle! Pass the word! Paul is working as a creative director at an ad agency in Saratoga Springs, NY, where he resides with his wife, Denise, and two sons, Paul III and Will. Paul was able to report the following: He has been in touch with **Kevin Kenny**, aka Stretch, who is doing well and is

and CEO of TrinityOne, a four-year-old sports marketing firm in Boston. In addition, for the past three years Lou has been teaching a sports marketing class one night a week to seniors and grad students at BC's Carroll School of Management. He and wife Patricia have two children, Victoria (11) and Antonio (9). • I also heard from **Stacey Kardamis Kerkhoff**, who lives in her hometown of Taunton. She is an active volunteer in the public school system and is a product analyst at Jordan's Furniture (after 15 years as an at-home mom). Stacey and her husband of 21 years, Hal, have two children, Kelsey (16) and Kyle (18). She also writes that **Jeanne Donovan Porter**, JD'90, is busy raising her four children—Channing, Grace, Audrey, and Justin—in the suburbs of New York City with her husband, Darin. • **Brenda McLaughlin Bynarowicz** lives in Hingham with husband Michael and their two children, Michael Jr. (15) and Katherine (10). She is enjoying her role as a global marketing director for Procter & Gamble. • **Maura Charlton Sweetnam** lives in Marblehead with husband Paul and their two children, Patrick and Keira. Maura, who works for Pfizer Regenerative Medicine, was recognized for innovation and leadership in establishing molecular screening in human stem cells. Maura developed several novel experimental

Paul Harrington '86, creative director of an ad agency in Saratoga Springs, New York, just published his first novel! Called *Epiphany*, it's an adventure novel about the journey of the Magi.

living with his family in Baltimore. **Chris Taylor** is an independent businessman in Doylestown, PA. **Frank Mitchell**, an e-mail archiving expert, has been interviewed on Boston TV, providing expertise on missing e-mails in Boston. **Mark Dacey** is an eye surgeon living in Weston with his wife, Patty, and their kids. **John Whelan** is still an attorney for the State of Massachusetts, still rooting for Alabama, and still living in Natick with his family. **Bobby Daley** has taken a new consulting position with the Bostonian Group, and he and his wife, Kim, run their boys back and forth from hockey practice in their downtime. **Tim Genirs** is living in New Jersey and working on Wall Street at Barclays. **Michael Donegan** owns his own consulting company and lives in Wallingford, CT, with his wife and three kids. **Pete Posk** and his wife and two teenage kids are living in sunny Delray Beach, FL. **Jim Davey** and his family just relocated back to Massachusetts, and he's taken a position with Timberland in New Hampshire. Thanks for the update, Paul, and good luck with *Epiphany*!

1987

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Hi. I hope you are all well. • I recently saw **Lou Imbriano**, who is the founder, president,

procedures that enabled the team to screen human pancreatic progenitor cells with proprietary libraries. • **Kathy Flood** e-mailed that she married Martin Moore in May 2008 in Boston. Classmates in attendance were **Beth Sullivan Flanagan**, **Nancy Woodhouse Sommer** JD'90, and **Karen Power McNamara** MA'95. Kathy now resides with her husband in Brisbane, Australia, and would love to hear from classmates who are visiting Australia (kflood128@yahoo.com). • **Solaris (Kimberly) Walsh** e-mailed that she left her position as head of the analytical support department in FedEx's Latin America and Caribbean Division. Since then, she has been studying and working as an inner wisdom coach. She received certification as a transformational trainer and as an effectiveness coach with a specialty in ontological coaching and spiritual transformations, changing her name to Solaris and moving to Sedona, AZ, in the process. She can be reached on Facebook or LinkedIn. • Thanks to all who e-mailed!

1988

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Stacey Crowell Maiden was named of counsel to the law firm of Fein, Such, Kahn & Shepard PC in New Jersey, where she practices elder

law and estates and trust law. She lives in Ocean with her husband, Michael, and two daughters. Stacey adds that **Michael Frank** founded M2 Media Group in 2004, and the company was named on the *Inc.* 500 list as one of "America's most dynamic companies." Statewide in Connecticut, M2 Media Group ranked fifth overall and first in its industry. Michael and wife Kris live with their two children in New Canaan, CT. • **Keith Slattery** is a senior VP of mutual fund administration for State Street Corporation. He and wife Mary live in Groton, MA, with their two girls, Caroline and Victoria. In October, Keith met up with several classmates, including many former roommates from "the Cave," at the BC-ND game in South Bend for a reunion inspired by the passing of our friend and classmate **Rob Scafura** in 2008. The group included **Dan Wassel**, **Dick Doyle**, **Bill Frain**, **Brian Dooling**, **Pat Breslin**, **Paul Deters**, **Steve Sayers**, **John Clifford**, **Mike Shannon**, **Eric Tveit**, and adopted BC alum **Steve Nock**. Despite a loss on the field, it was a great weekend of fun and remembrance. • **Kim Webster** sent an update about **Lisa Leingang's** wedding, which was attended by several '88ers, including **Tom McCarthy** and **Kevin Kappock**, and '89ers **David Boland**, **Christopher Downing**, and **Wayne Wilderson**. Kim was also recently in LA and got together with **Rick Pasqualone**, who is married and has one son, Anthony (3). Rick is "making it" as a successful actor there. Kim works as a speech-language pathologist at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore. She is married and has two kids. She often sees **John Murray**, who lives and works in DC. • **Chrissy Doyle Gemici** moved from Mountain Lakes, NJ, to Dubai, UAE, in August 2009. Her husband, Alex, is with Deutsche Bank, and kids Grant, Jackie, and Natalie are attending the American School of Dubai. Chrissy says that if anyone is planning a visit to Dubai, to please let her know at chris@gemici.com. • **Kara Connell Thompson** wrote to update me about the Farewell to MB's Vermont House Weekend. The attendees were hostess **Mary Beth Welsh**, **Laura (Germak)** and **Steve Ksenak**, **Kara (Connell)** and **Mike Thompson**, **Mike '86** and **Anne Marie (Suswal) Hannon**, and **Anne Boyd**. I was actually invited to the party but stayed away for fear of being awakened at 3 a.m. to go buy cigarettes.

1989

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The first class notes in our 21st year—egads! I received a few updates this quarter (unfortunately none discussing the BC-BU hockey game at Fenway, which I missed!). Please keep them coming via my e-mail address (see above) or online at www.bc.edu/alumni/association/community.html. Our word limits are tough, so feel free to read the full updates online as well. • **John Taylor** (john.taylor.e@gmail.com) recently accepted a position at the Clinton Health Access Initiative in Boston as senior accountant. Previously, he was a senior corporate accountant at American Dental Partners, Inc. John notes that he left

ADPI knowing that he wanted to use his accounting and finance skills for a major organization in the health-care space, and that he is “truly blessed to have joined the Clinton Foundation and, yeah, I met Bill....” • **Anthony Varona**, JD’92 (avarona@wcl.american.edu), was promoted to full professor of law, with tenure, at American University’s Washington College of Law in Washington DC, where he also directs the SJD Program. • **Tom McDevitt** (Thomas.W.McDevitt@uscg.mil) is living in Traverse City, MI, with Amylynn, whom he married in July 2008, and son Jack, who was born in April 2009. Tom reports that married life and being a dad have been awesome! He has been in the Coast Guard for 18 years and flying search and rescue helicopters for 14 years. He is currently the executive officer of Coast Guard Air Station Traverse City, where he plans to be until summer 2011. • **Caroline Critchlow** (carolinecritchlow@yahoo.com) received her doctorate in education from the University of Rochester in May 2009. She is continuing in her role as an elementary school principal, which she has held for the past eight years. She is also teaching a graduate course at Nazareth College in Rochester. • **Fr. Martin Connor** (mconnor@legionaries.org), who is working with a lay group called Regnum Christi, wrote in to send a shout-out to **Derek Mimeles** (derek@mimeles.com), his roommate senior year in the Mods, who is now a doctor in New Orleans. • Finally, as noted in our last column, classmate **Ron Perryman** has been battling ALS (also known as Lou Gehrig’s disease) since his diagnosis almost four years ago. His teammates and friends have been organizing some great fundraising events in support of Ron and his family. I encourage you all to visit the website they have set up for Ron to learn more and see how you can help at: <http://www.4als.org/>.

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On September 8, 2007, **Claire McGrath** and **Gary Phillips** were married in Philadelphia. Claire has been working as a neuropsychologist at a rehabilitation hospital in Philly, where Gary works as an occupational therapist. The beautiful outdoor ceremony was officiated by **Laura Shubilla** and attended by Laura’s husband, **Brian Johnson**, and many other BC friends from the Class of 1990. They included **Janna** and **Fran Forte**; **Catherine** and **Bob Mascioli**; **Gretchen Zima** and her husband, **Daniel Castillo**; **Ted** and **Kimberly (Clark) Yarbrough**; **Pete** and **Sara (Cyr) Alai**; **Dyan Furey** and her husband, **Patrick Bastian**; and **Tim** and **Martha (McLaughlin) Thompson**. Also attending were **Michael** and **Sandra (Shubilla) Moumoutjis** ’94 with their two daughters, **Zoe (3)** and **Ana (1)**; **Bill** and **Barbara Redmond** PhD’98; and **Claire’s** sister, **Tara McGrath** ’95, with her husband, **Doug Hatch**. • **Fran Forte’s** family closed out 2009 with a bang when **Massimo Michael Forte** arrived eight days early! **Massimo** was born on December 31 at **Bryn Mawr (PA) Hospital**. It’s nice to see that **Massimo** already has his

family’s financial interests in mind and arrived in time to claim himself as a tax deduction—with a few hours to spare! • **Michael Baroni** recently took a new position as general counsel of **Palace Entertainment**, an operator of theme parks, water parks, and family entertainment centers (www.palaceentertainment.com). • **Heather Terrell**, author of *The Map Thief* and *The Chrysalis*, recently published a new book, *Brigid of Kildare* (Ballantine, 2010). The novel weaves the historic tale of Ireland’s Saint Brigid with a contemporary thread involving an appraiser of medieval relics. **Heather** graduated from BC magna cum laude, focusing on art history.

1991

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Happy spring, everyone! I hope this finds you all doing well and ready for a wonderful summer ahead! Remember to send in news of the happenings in your lives. I look forward to hearing from you! Start planning now—next year at this time we’ll be celebrating our 20th reunion! • **Diane Chubb** and **Lynne Ober** have

After 14 years as an English teacher, Katie Carney O’Connell resigned her position to open Dragonfly Yoga Barn, a studio and retreat center based at her home in New Hampshire.

published a new book, *Hudson: Historically Speaking* (The History Press, 2009). **Diane**, who lives in **Pelham, NH**, is a trustee of the **Pelham Public Library** and a former reporter for the *Pelham-Windham News*. She holds a JD degree from **Franklin Pierce Law Center**. • **John Eddy** is now VP of sales and marketing for **Nashua-based IntelliSoft Group**, a supplier of health-care software. **John** was previously senior VP of corporate sales for the **Americas** at **Kaspersky Lab**. • At **Mount Hope High School** last November, in front of an enthusiastic audience that included cheering students and teachers, **Rhode Island Governor Donald Carcieri** and **Education Commissioner Deborah Gist** presented Assistant Principal **Jaime Crowley**, MA’96, with the **Milken Family Foundation 2009 Milken Educator Award**! Congratulations, **Jaime**! • In January, **Mitchell Carroll** was elected partner at **Bingham McCutchen LLP**, where he is a member of the energy and project finance group. Prior to joining the firm, he was senior counsel at **Calpine Corporation**, an independent power production company. • After 14 years as an English teacher, **Katie Carney O’Connell** resigned her position to open **Dragonfly Yoga Barn**, a studio and retreat center based at her home in **North Sandwich, NH**. **Katie** teaches weekly yoga classes, hosts workshops and kirtans, and runs weekend retreats in the mountains. Just over a year old, the business is doing very well. Check it out at www.dragonflyyogabarn.com. Her children, **Finnian (14)** and **Bridie Rose**

(12), are growing up fast! **Katie** and **Declan** will be celebrating their 18th wedding anniversary. (She thanks junior year abroad in **Cork** for this!) Last year, **Katie**, **Jenny Marowski**, **Karen Dunn**, and their families enjoyed spending part of their summer vacation together on **Squam Lake**. They have decided they haven’t grown up at all, even though they are now twice as old as when they met! **Katie** also keeps in close contact with **Rebecca Marshall**, who is now in **Keene, NH**, working on a counseling internship and doing amazing work!

1992

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Craig McCall is principal of his firm **McCall & Associates** in **Chicago**, which advises senior managers and business owners on the selection, placement, and development of talent. **Craig** is a corporate and licensed psychologist, having earned a doctorate in psychology from the **Illinois School of Professional Psychology, Chicago**. He has also taught at **Loyola University** and the **Lake Forest Graduate School of Management**. **Craig** is a

member of the **Illinois Psychological Association** and a **Registered Corporate Coach**. • **Mary Lynne (Moynihan) Wilson** of **Worcester**, formerly of **Shrewsbury**, died on **December 28, 2009**, in **Rose Monahan Hospice Residence** surrounded by her family after a three-year battle with a rare form of cancer. **Mary Lynne** leaves her husband of 14 years, **James Wilson**, and two children; her parents **Jane (Carrigan)** and **Daniel Moynihan Jr.**, MSW’66; and two siblings. **Mary Lynne** worked in the marketing departments of **Federated Department Stores** in **Connecticut** and **Allmerica Financial Life Insurance**, **Worcester**. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends. • Don’t be shy about sending in your updates! What’s new with you in 2010?

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In February, **Angie (Bengzon) Hazard** joined **Waltham-based Mzinga**, a social software and services company, as VP of talent. She is responsible for driving the company’s strategic and operational human resources initiatives, including talent acquisition, employee performance, organizational effectiveness, and com-

pensation and benefit programs. • **Julie Finora McAfee** passed her CTP (Certified Treasury Professional) exam and then the next week, found out that she was a President's Club winner at Bank of the West, where she is a VP and senior cash management consultant. • **Patrick S. Nolan**, a partner at Quarles & Brady LLP, was named in *Wisconsin Super Lawyers* magazine as one of the top attorneys in Wisconsin for 2009. • Last July, **Michael Carlotti** was named VP of investor relations and capital markets by Bally Technologies, a leader in slots, video machines, casino management systems, and networked solutions for the global gaming industry. • In November, **Setti Warren** was elected mayor of Newton. The former UGBC president has worked as special assistant in the White House Office of Cabinet Affairs for President Clinton, New England director of FEMA, and deputy state director for Senator John Kerry. Read more at www.settiwarren.com. • In August, **Thomas R. Burton III**, JD'96, a partner in the Boston office of Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky & Popeo PC, was named to the 2009 list of "40 under 40" emerging business leaders in the greater Boston area by *Boston Business Journal*. • On December 17, 2009, Adam and Alyson Bagley Stewart welcomed twin girls, Lauren Elizabeth and Emma Alyson. The family is in the process of moving from South Boston to the suburbs. Alyson is an associate with Ropes & Gray, and Adam is an associate with Shapiro Haber & Urmy.

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Happy spring, everyone. I don't know about all of you, but after a record-setting winter, we here in Washington DC are definitely ready for some warm weather. Please take a few minutes to send me a note about what you're up to! Everyone would love to hear it! • **Liza Makowski Hayes** has accepted a tenure track faculty position in the Department of Nutrition at UNC-Chapel Hill's Gillings School of Global Public Health. She lives in Chapel Hill with husband Neil and their two sons. • Jackson National Life Insurance Company, based in Lansing, MI, has promoted **Susan Rhee** to

senior VP and general counsel of its subsidiary JNAM and Jackson Fund Services, a division of JNAM that provides fund accounting and administration services. Susan earned her law degree from Pace University School of Law in 1997 and was admitted to the New York Bar in 1998. She holds a Michigan corporate license. • Business Wire recently promoted **Morrissey Perfetti**, MBA'01, to group VP for Western United States. • In October 2009, **Jason Tomasulo** joined Cohen Seglias Pallas Greenhall & Furman as senior counsel resident in the Philadelphia office. He will focus his practice on construction law and government contracts. Previously, Jason served as general counsel for Keating Building Corporation, a general building contractor in the Mid-Atlantic region. Jason earned his JD from George Washington University Law School in 1997.

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Warren and **Maura (Winson) Mann** are proud to announce the birth of a baby boy, Derek Hunter, on March 16, 2009. In true Irish spirit, Derek decided to arrive a few weeks early—just in time to celebrate St. Patrick's Day! The Manns reside in Woburn. • **Christopher Morrison**, JD'01, has been named a shareholder at the law firm of Hanify & King, where he concentrates his practice on business and intellectual property litigation. Chris is active at BC Law School, serving on the Law Day Committee and on the Leadership Committee for the Boston Chapter of the Alumni Association, and he is a trustee at Massachusetts Bay Community College. Chris lives in Medfield. • **Jonathan Michael Cullen** has published his first novel, *The Ranks of Jody Brae*, a mystery set against the backdrop of 1964 Boston. Jonathan grew up in Boston and, after earning a degree in English literature at BC, he taught in Ireland. He has also lived in Mexico, worked as a prison librarian, and spent time in Kenya. Jonathan now lives in West Roxbury with wife Heidi and daughter Maeve (2).

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In January, **Mary Weldon** joined the Summit (NJ) Area YMCA branch board of advisors. Mary, who is VP of advance trading strategies for LEK Securities, also participates at the Summit Playhouse Association and is a vested member of the Screen Actors Guild. She resides in Summit with her husband and their three children.

1997

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Andrew and Linda (Song) Wendel are very happy to announce the birth of their first child, a son, Ryan Jae, born on April 22, 2009, in London. They are going on their fourth year living in the United Kingdom, where Andrew is working as executive director in fixed income at Morgan Stanley, and Linda started the new year with a new job as director of the Burberry Foundation. • **Brian Merges** and his wife, Julie, welcomed their second child, Conor Charlie, on May 23, 2009. Big sister Abby is excited about her new little brother and is looking forward to the summer after a rigorous first year at preschool. Brian was recently made partner at the Pasadena, CA, law firm of Sabaitis O'Callaghan, LLP. The Merges family lives in the Westwood neighborhood of Los Angeles. • **Dustin B. Rawlin** was named to the partnership of the global law firm of Jones Day. Based in the firm's Cleveland office, Dustin practices in the firm's trial practice group and focuses on product liability, business tort, and commercial litigation. • **Larry and Joyce (Acacio) Masek**, MA'98, welcomed their second child, Mark Lawrence, on July 3, 2009. He joins big sister Maria (3). • In April 2009, **Kevin Mitchell** married Laurie Coppola (a UConn alumna) in Newport, RI. Many BC people were in attendance, including groomsmen **Spiros Giannaros**, **Keith Vivona**, and **Brian Matteson**. Last year, the couple also bought and renovated an 1895 Victorian home and moved from Boston to Newton. Now only two miles from the BC campus, they've hosted a few pre-tailgate parties.

1998

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On September 1, 2009, **TerRance and Suzanne (Carroll) Woodard** welcomed their second son, Julian Alexander Woodard. Big brother Tyler is enjoying the new addition. Suzanne continues her work as

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a psychologist in private practice, while TerRance recently joined the Miami office of the national law firm Jackson Lewis LLP, representing companies in labor and employment litigation. • **Jim and Janice (Kelly) Savage** welcomed a baby girl, Norah Kelly Savage, on September 30, 2009. The Savages reside in Dumont, NJ. • On May 30, 2009, **Ryan Quinn** married Jaclyn Adams in Newport, RI. **Ryan Sfreddo, Tom Felago, Mike King, and Ted Norberg** were in the wedding party. The couple spent their honeymoon in the Maldives. Ryan is working at Cantor Fitzgerald, and he and Jaclyn are living in Boston's Back Bay. • **Jayson and Elena (Manzelli) DeAngelis**, MSW'02, had their second daughter, Chloe Rose, on October 22, 2009. She was welcomed by big sister Julia (3). • **Aimee McGuire**, MBA'02, has joined Nativity Preparatory School as director of advancement. Aimee served as the associate director for athletic development at Boston College for almost 11 years, during which time BC Athletics increased its fundraising from \$3.6 million per year to \$21 million per year. • In May 2009, **Greg Stepka** purchased his own dental practice, Stepka Family Dental. And on December 3, he and his wife, Joanna, welcomed into the world their first child—and future Eagle, it is hoped—Jackson Douglas Stepka. • **Matthew McGonagle**, an adult psychiatrist, has opened his own practice in Wellesley. After BC, Matthew earned his MD from Loyola University Chicago's Stritch School of Medicine. He completed his internship/residency at Tufts Medical Center, where he was chief resident of emergency and outpatient services. He also completed professional training in hypnosis, mind-body medicine, and spirituality in health care. Matthew recently served as the medical director of outpatient psychiatry and addiction services at Mount Auburn Hospital. He has received three Excellence in Teaching Awards for his work with students at Tufts Medical Center. The foundation of Matthew's clinical practice is rooted in the biopsychosocial model of medicine that believes a biological understanding of a patient's illness is essential, but also acknowledges that psychological, social, and spiritual factors have profound effects on health and wellness.

1999

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Hello, fellow members of the Class of '99. We hope you all had a great winter and are enjoying the spring. We don't have many updates for you this time around but hope you all keep them coming as new and exciting things happen in your lives. Here are the few we have. • **Michelle (Mokaba) and Jay Lovejoy**, JD/MBA'04, welcomed their first child, Cole Edward, on June 15, 2009. They currently live in Brookline. • **Andrew and Jennifer (Mikucki) Julie** also welcomed their first child, Stacey Christine, in June. They live in

IRISH STEPS

When Kieran Jordan '96 slipped on her first pair of Irish step shoes at the age of five, she never envisioned a dancing career—it was only years later at 26 that she decided to make the professional leap. “So I left my job and just dove in,” she says.

Now appearing regularly at dance festivals on both sides of the Atlantic, Jordan won a 2008 Artist Fellowship from the Massachusetts Cultural Council and cofounded the studio, Boston Percussive Dance. She also serves as the dance director of Boston's annual “A Christmas Celtic Sojourn” performance, and this March embarked on her “Irish Heartbeat Tour” of Germany as a solo dancer.

Jordan's craft was, in part, influenced by her time at Boston College, where she was co-president of the Irish Society and continued to perfect her Irish dance. “I went to BC with the Irish Studies Program in mind,” she says, “and the music programs in particular were very influential.” She eventually spent a year abroad at University College Cork in Ireland, where she immersed herself in Irish music and dance. “It was a life-changing experience that was closely linked to BC,” says Jordan.

Below, Jordan provides more insights on her life and BC:

WHAT IS THE MOST SATISFYING MOMENT IN YOUR PROFESSIONAL LIFE?

Performing in venues that I used to visit as a child.

IN YOUR PERSONAL LIFE?

My marriage to my husband, Vincent.

WHAT IS YOUR BEST BC MEMORY?

My Arts and Sciences Honors Program course with Fr. Howard. He gave us the true Jesuit experience—a passionate curiosity for life and a love of learning in the liberal arts. We used to leave the class in Gasson and head over to Lyons Hall for breakfast, continuing our debates about the *Iliad* or St. Augustine.

WHAT IS YOUR NEXT GOAL?

To continue to grow in my dance.

WHAT IS ONE THING EVERYONE SHOULD DO WHILE AT BC?

Study at Bapst Library—both inside and outside on the lawn.



Irish step dancer Kieran Jordan thrills crowds throughout the United States and Europe.

HOW HAVE YOU CHANGED SINCE GRADUATION?

Many changes! I was an English major at BC, and I assumed I would follow a career path in journalism or academics.

WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO ATTEND BC?

The A&S Honors Program and the Irish Studies Program.

WHAT IS THE SECRET TO SUCCESS?

I try to listen to the “still small voice within” and let that guide my work.

WHERE IS YOUR FAVORITE SPOT ON THE HEIGHTS?

Bapst Library or St. Mary's Chapel. I also love the basement of McElroy. I produced my own Irish music radio program at WZBC, so I spent a lot of early Sunday mornings there.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU WERE BC PRESIDENT FOR A DAY?

Have one day per month of silence for reading, meditation, and contemplation.

FOR MORE Q&A WITH KIERAN JORDAN, VISIT
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Toronto, where Jen works in marketing for Labatt Breweries of Canada. • **Mary Alex Dundics** married Jake Blanton on September 19, 2009, in Annapolis, MD. BC alumni in attendance were **Moir** Boyle Anderson, **Timothy Curry**, **Angela (Demeter) Schaffler**, **Catherine Tucker**, **Melissa Gainor Sosnowky**, **Cassie (Martin) Waller**, and **Michelle and Jay Lovejoy**. • Please keep in touch and keep the updates coming.

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Hello, Class of 2000 members! As always, I have some wonderful news to share with you. • In November 2009, **Danielle Porcelli Bianchi**, JD'03, accepted a position as the assistant to the associate general counsel in the Department of the Navy's Office of the General Counsel. • In January, **Jared Leland** was named a partner in the firm of Keevican Weiss Bauerle & Hirsch LLC. Jared also hosts a bi-weekly radio show in the Pittsburgh area called *Jared Leland Live: "From the Red Carpet."* • **Robb Moriarty** recently married Eileen E. Connors of Woburn. Eileen and Robb are both assistant district attorneys for the Cape and the Islands and live in Centerville. • **Erica Cashman** married Matthew Shevlin in Coral Gables, FL, in April 2009. Erica is a partner at Horizon Partners in Boston. The couple live in Brooklyn. • In June, 2009, **Liz Lane** married Gavin Parks in Darien, CT. Liz and Gavin both work in New York City and live on the Upper East Side. • **Kelly Corigliano** and Ethan Yeh were married on August 29 at the Fairmont Hotel in Washington DC. • **Chris and Maggie Gould Franklin**, MED'01, welcomed a son, Henry Christopher, on August 25. He joins his two-year-old sister, Libby. The family resides in Short Hills, NJ. • **Matthew and Megan (McCabe) Welch** welcomed their first child, Christopher, in September 2009. The family continues to live in the Boston area. • **Nick and Liz (Shevlin) Seita** also welcomed their first child, James Edward, on October 11 in New York City. The Seitas reside in Darien, CT, and Liz works at L'Oréal USA. • **Jason and Erin Nicholson Maloney**, and their son Aidan, announce the birth of Liam Nicholson on October 23. • **Tim and Sarah Geyer Howell** welcomed their first child, Alexis Victoria Howell, on December 1. Currently, the family is residing in Louisville, KY. Sarah is the chief of dermatology at Fort Knox, and Tim is a senior manager in Ernst & Young's Advisory Services practice. • **Dan '97 and Ashley (Miller) Kalosieh** announce the birth of their son, Evan Gregory, on December 4. Evan joins big sister Elizabeth at their Connecticut home. • **Elizabeth and Rick Kenney** welcomed their first child, Cecil Andrew Kenney, on December 31. • Keep the wonderful news and updates coming! • *Editor's note: Jeff Finley is not a partner with Stephen M. Ferretti Inc., as was reported in our last issue. Our apologies to Jeff; we regret the error.*

2001

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At the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver this past February, **Brooks Orpik** was member of the U.S. Hockey team that took home the silver medal, coming in second only to the Canadians. A native of East Amherst, NY, Brooks played three seasons for Boston College and was a member of the team that won the 2001 NCAA Hockey Championship. He currently plays for the NHL's Stanley Cup champion Pittsburgh Penguins. • **Mathew and Erin (Turick) Gooch** are proud to announce the birth of a baby boy, Wyatt Thomas, on December 31, 2009, in Albany, GA. He joins big brother Peyton (1).

2002

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Congratulations to **Lauren Ziobro**, MED'03, and **Thomas McDonald**, who were married at St. Ignatius of Loyola on August 16, 2008. The wedding party included best man Robert McDonald '98 and groomsmen **Carlos Canto** MBA'08 and **Gregory Reilly**. Other alumni in attendance were **Nathaniel Gori**, **Tsuyoshi Yano**, **William Jarry** MBA'05, **Patty Burden** '73, **Kathleen (Stout) Jenney** MED'69, and **Albert Kunberger** '73. The couple reside in Natick. • **Margaret Felice's** most recent operatic appearance was in the Boston Opera Collaborative's July 2009 production of *Carmen*. Of her performance, the *Boston Musical Intelligencer* wrote, "Margaret Felice, with her drop-dead beautiful voice, was ideal as Micaëla." Margaret's 2008-2009 season included Haydn's *The Creation* at Concord University in West Virginia, where she appeared as a guest soprano soloist, and *Gianni Schicchi* with the Boston Opera Collaborative, as La Ciesca. She was a semifinalist in the Peter Elvins Vocal Competition, a finalist in the Little Italy Soprano Competition in New York City, and the winner of the Best Diction award at Stelle dell'Anno Nuovo, sponsored by the Italian Consul General-Boston. Her complete performance schedule is available at www.margaretfelice.com. • **Meaghan Flaherty**, MA'07, and **John Dupuis** were married on December 31, 2008. A Mass was held at St. Ann's Parish in Dorchester. The reception and New Year's Eve celebration was held at the Westin Hotel. Over 30 members of the Class of 2002 were in attendance. The couple honeymooned for two weeks in Tanzania and Zanzibar.

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Kevin Swatt, MS'04, recently accepted a position at Watkins Meegan LLC as a supervisor in the government contracting group in Vienna, VA. He resides in Arlington. • **Ryan and Leah (Murphy) Scarafile** were married on May 30, 2009, in St. John's Chapel in Geneva, NY. A reception followed at Ventosa Vineyards. In attendance were **Claire Julian** and **Lisa Mokaba**. The Scarafiles reside in Baltimore. • **Kathleen Ceglarski** and **James Burns** were married on July 25, 2009, in Rhinebeck, NY. The wedding party included Andrew Burns '05, Matthew Burns '07, John Burns '11, Molly Ceglarski '09, William Ceglarski '11, **Kevin Connors**, **Nolan Kelly**, **Kathleen Martin**, **Kalyn Melidossian**, **Kenneth Nolan**, and **Claire Piantidosi**. Guests included grandfather of the bride, Len Ceglarski '51; parents of the groom, David Burns '72 and Laura Hines MED'01; Paul '79 and Eileen (Tully) Ceglarski '79; and Tim Ceglarski '87. Also in attendance were classmates **Adam Combies**, **Michael Coppens**, **Lauren Coppola**, **Shannon Corcoran**, **Colleen Costigan**, **Robert Creedon**, **William Creedon**, **Elizabeth Fodera**, **Edward and Lauren (O'Neil) Goff**, **Christopher Levkulich**, **Patrick McKiernan**, **James O'Sullivan**, **Lauren Sabonis**, **James Salois**, and **Sigrid (Bango) and Timothy Spiegel**. • **Alissa Chang** married Andrew Bain on August 9, 2009, in Chatham, NJ. The reception was held at Brooklake Country Club in Florham Park. BC alumni in the bridal party included **Kristen Renzulli**, **Jonathan '00** and **Amy (Dubrule) Chang '00**, and **Elizabeth Cafiero**. BC alumni in attendance included **Mark Bushee**, **Erin Fitzpatrick**, **Jennifer Lally**, **Kaitlin Mara**, **Christine Negri**, **Kadan (Swift) Sample**, **Gina Yianopoulos**, **Meghan (Mahoney) Scancarella '87**, and **Patricia (Bickimer) Guthlein '75, JD'82**. Alissa graduated from Villanova University School of Law in 2007 and is an associate at McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney and Carpenter LLP in Morristown. Andrew, a Seton Hall School of Law alumnus, is clerking in the Superior Court of New Jersey. • In October, **Daniel O'Mullane** was ordained a deacon in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome and in June, he will be ordained a priest in Paterson, NJ. • **Frank Sweeney**, MS'89, was in touch with **Roy**, MED'04, and **Jillian (DeGuiseppe) Lee**, MED'04, who welcomed twins, Samara Joy and Eliana Marie, on November 25, 2009. The Lees live in Sayville, NY. • **Garrett and Sarah (Sedlock) Call** are proud to announce the birth of their son, Graham Henry, on December 21, 2009, in Newport News, VA. • **Matthew and Shirley (Galarza) Epstein** welcomed a baby girl, Isabel Laura, on October 1, 2009, at Stamford Hospital. • In January, **R. Victoria "Vicky" Fuller**, JD'06, joined Sherin and Lodgen LLP as a litigation associate. • In February, the Student Advisory Board of the Council for Women of Boston College hosted An Evening with **Mary Tomer**, author of *Mrs. O: The Face of Fashion Democracy*. Mary is the founder and contributing editor of Mrs-O.org, a Web site that showcases the fashion styles of First Lady Michelle Obama. Mary also presented at the council's fall meeting in New York City. • In March, David and Donna Peary organized a fundraiser to establish the **Jason Peary Scholarship** at Boston College High School in

honor of their son. Jason, a BC High alumnus, passed away in 2008 of an undiagnosed heart condition. For more information, visit their Web site, www.JasonPearyScholarship.com.

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Brian Choquette married Michelle Adeszo in California on August 15, 2009. Classmates in attendance included **Emily (D'Amour)** and **Chris Pardo**, **Kevin Lamb**, **Chris Williams**, and **Tim MA'05** and **Christine (Burns) Williamson**. Brian and Michelle live in San Jose, CA. Brian is a pharmaceutical sales representative and Michelle is a dental sales representative. • **Jessica Seaver** married **Adam Thompson**, MS'05, on May 9 at St. Ignatius. Alumni in the wedding party included **Emilie (Winterton) Schlit**, **Andrew Malachowski** MS'05, **James Ensign** MS'05, **Patrick MAT'07** and **Amy (Morrow) Grucela**, and **David Franzosa '92**. The couple live in the Back Bay; Jessica works at Brigham and Women's Hospital, and Adam works for Boston Private Bank & Trust Company. • **Courtney Shea** finished a judicial clerkship for the Superior Court of Connecticut last year and has joined Barron & Stadfeld, P.C. in Boston as an associate attorney.

2005 REUNION 2010

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Michael Laveson professed first vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience to God before Fr. Provincial Patrick J. Lee, SJ, during a special Mass at St. Ignatius Parish in Portland, OR. Michael is now a Jesuit and a Scholastic and will spend the next two or three years in First Studies, studying philosophy, culture, and the history of ideas. Michael worked for L'Arche in Tacoma for two years before joining the Society of Jesus. He is studying philosophy at St. Louis University. • In October 2009, **Matthew LaLone** joined the law firm of Couch White LLP as an associate in the commercial transactions and commercial litigation practice area group. Matthew is a graduate of the University of Connecticut School of Law. • **Jay Resha** is living in Westwood and working in Avon at his family's textile business, and he and his wife recently welcomed a second child to the family! • **Erin Tobin**, MA'06, and **Christopher Kim '02** were married by Donald A. MacMillan, SJ, on October 24, 2009, at Trinity Chapel on the Newton Campus. Members of the bridal party included **Brigid Tobin '97**; **Katie Tobin '99**; **Kristy Orr**; **Megan Donnelly**; **Aristea Kakounis '04**, MEd'05; **Scott Turi '01**; **Jay Lee '03**; and **Andrew Friedman '03**. The newlyweds currently live in Los Angeles, where Erin is working as a business manager for Morgan Samuels, a retained executive search firm, and Chris is production coordinator for Lifetime Entertainment. • **Lauren Dalrymple** and **Ryan Wade** have updated

GENEVIEVE THIERS '00

NURTURING BABIES AND BUSINESSES

For someone who babysat more than 2,500 times, Genevieve Thiers '00 knows a lot about care and nurturing—of businesses. Thiers is founder and CEO of Chicago-based Sittercity.com, a multimillion-dollar online service that links babysitters and parents nationwide.

The idea for her business originated in her dorm room, when Thiers saw a mother-to-be struggling up stairs to distribute flyers advertising her babysitting needs. Launched in 2001, Sittercity.com is now an Inc. 500 company, and Thiers recently established a new business incubator to help other women create their own startups—a nod to the help she received from the Chicago Women's Business Development Center, which helped her venture blossom.

"Many women don't realize that the troublesome issues facing them every day are opportunities for big business," she says. "Every time there is an inconvenience for someone, there is an opportunity for someone else. Anything can be your golden ticket—you just have to see it."

Below, Thiers shares some additional thoughts on her success:



Genevieve Thiers connects babysitters and parents through her company Sittercity.com.

WHAT IS THE MOST SATISFYING MOMENT IN YOUR PROFESSIONAL LIFE?

Being named Small Business Administration Young Entrepreneur of the Year in 2006. It was a wonderful weekend in Washington, D.C., that culminated with a speech by the president.

IN YOUR PERSONAL LIFE?

I've managed to become a professional opera singer as well as an entrepreneur. I recently sang live on WFMT in Chicago, and I've done many local operas and concerts.

WHAT IS YOUR BEST BC MEMORY?

Singing the part of Lily in *The Secret Garden* in Robsham Theater.

WHAT IS YOUR NEXT GOAL?

A TV show, another company, Broadway, Shakespeare . . . whoever would have me.

WHAT IS ONE THING EVERYONE SHOULD DO WHILE AT BC?

Go abroad for junior year.

HOW HAVE YOU CHANGED SINCE GRADUATION?

For me, managing the real world is much easier than managing college. College often seemed overwhelming, but when I got out, things were more like, "That's it? You just create something people want, and they buy it from you? Awesome."

WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO ATTEND BC?

I was a National Merit Scholar, so that was part of it, but I also really liked the music department. It's hard not to fall in love with Gasson Hall, too.

WHAT IS THE SECRET TO SUCCESS?

If I figure that out, I'll probably try to monetize it, so stay tuned to see what future companies I create.

WHERE IS YOUR FAVORITE SPOT ON THE HEIGHTS?

Robsham Theater. Every time I visit, the smells bring me back to when I performed there.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU WERE BC PRESIDENT FOR A DAY?

Probably give everyone a day off. But that's all I dream about these days—free time.

FOR MORE Q&A WITH GENEVIEVE THIERS, VISIT
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their venture, RadCakes.com, with a completely new format and new designs. • **Blair E. Kanis** joined the litigation practice group at Kutak Rock LLP as an associate. She will be representing national commercial clients as plaintiffs and defendants in general civil litigation.

2006

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Bridget Doherty, MS'07, had been working in audit at PricewaterhouseCoopers in Chicago until she started her own business, 3rd Coast Concierge. Largely inspired by the busy public accounting lifestyle, 3CC offers personal concierge services to individuals lacking to-do list time. The business is growing and succeeding already. Bridget appreciates all the advice, expertise, and support of her BC friends. Special thanks to roommates **Katie Cisto** and **Sara Weiner**, who volunteered logos and artwork. Also unending gratitude to boyfriend **Andy Perkins**, MS'07, who always comes to 3CC's rescue (and hooks up crazy laptop/TV contraptions so Bridget never misses a game!). Check out Bridget's website: www.3rdCoastConcierge.com! • Marine Corps 1st Lt. **Christopher W. Bergman** was recently designated a naval aviator while serving with Training Squadron 22, Naval Air Station, in Kingsville, TX. Christopher was presented with the coveted Wings of Gold, marking the culmination of months of flight training. He followed a training curriculum that included basic studies in engineering and navigation, training flights in simulators, aircraft familiarizations, basic and advanced instrument training, extended navigation flights, and landings and takeoffs aboard an aircraft carrier. • Be sure to send **Cristina Conciatori** (cristina.conciatori@gmail.com) an e-mail to let us know what you are up to, so we can share it with the rest of our class. We now have a BC'06 Facebook group to help us stay connected. E-mail Cristina for a Facebook invite! • We hope to hear from all of you soon!

2007

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Shannon Keating, MED'09, and **Joseph Kwiatek** '08 were married on October 10, 2009, on Cape Cod. (Read details in the column for the Class of 2008 below.) • **Tristan Smith**, a copywriter at Google Creative Lab, wrote "Parisian love," deemed one of the top ads aired during this year's Super Bowl. View the ad on YouTube: www.youtube.com/watch?v=nnsSUqgkDwU. • In January, **Melissa Koski** was promoted to senior account executive at public relations firm Edward Howard. Melissa is also a cofounder of the Cleveland Social Media Club and an instructor on social media at Cuyahoga Community College. • **Andres Navia** has founded a company called BAGSBACK, based in Miami Beach. Andres

writes, "We sell Colombian handbags called *mochilas*, and for every bag purchased, we give a *mochila* to a child in need. Our donation bag is called 'a bag full of dreams,' because we fill it up with school supplies, a musical instrument, and a toy before giving it away. We do this through an affiliated group of volunteers called BACKERS." View Andres's profile at www.facebook.com/BAGSBACK?v=info. He'd love to hear your thoughts. • Last summer, **Andrew Buttaro** was one of four leaders of the Bike and Build's Central U.S. ride that began in Virginia Beach, VA, in May and concluded in Cannon Beach, OR, at the end of July, helping Habitat for Humanity along the way. A group of 30 riders participated in the 3,865-mile trip across the United States.

2008

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Hi there, Class of 2008! • February saw a great turnout of '08 alumni at BC events. Many Boston and New York classmates attended the second annual Boston Winter Ball at the Fairmont Copley on February 20, a fun night of dancing and cocktails to raise money for BC financial aid. Several '08ers also came out for the first "Take Back Mary Ann's" fundraiser night at our old BC standby, an event that was a huge success. Alumni feasted on Pino's pizza, played some great music, and won fun prizes, including a BC snuggie. • Congratulations to **Joseph Kwiatek** and **Shannon Keating** '07, MED'09, who were married on October 10 on Cape Cod. The bridal party included maid of honor **Maureen O'Dea** '07 and bridesmaids **Catherine Noblitt Keating** '03, MED'05; **Mary Christine Kwiatek Dion** '05, MED'06; and **Joan Kwiatek** '12. Best man was **Peter Kwiatek** '10, and groomsmen were **Daniel Dion** '03, **Joseph Keating** '03, and **Sean MacDonald**. • **Jonathan Carmine** and **Sarah Milonas** were married on November 28 in Red Bank, NJ. There were many BC alumni celebrating and dancing to the BC fight song at the reception.

2009

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At BC, working toward a master's degree are **Amanda Goldfine** in philosophy and **Erin Donovan** in the School of Education. **Bryana McGillicuddy** is in her first year at BC Law. • In Boston, **Evan Speece** is an associate at Wealth, Tax, and Advisory Services; **Anthony Bova** is a paralegal for Tentindo Kendall Canniff & Keefe; **Katie Dadarria** is a project coordinator at Houghton Mifflin Harcourt; and **Brian Heavey** is a financial analyst at State Street. • In New York City, **Showna Beaulieu** is a nurse at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, and **Rachel Weinstein** is a nurse on the neuro-ICU at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital. **Leslie Monchin** is in the NYU accelerated nursing program, **Alison Briglia** is a graduate

student in speech pathology at Columbia University, and **Dan McGillivray** is a literary agent assistant at Foundry Literary + Media. • In Chicago, **Alexandra Dezell** is an RN on a pediatric neurosurgical/endocrinology unit at Children's Memorial Hospital. • **Lauren Wiedmeier** is the coordinator of community relations and fan development with the NHL Los Angeles Kings. **Cristina Hancock** is an athletic compliance intern for the Athletic Department at Missouri Southern State University in Joplin, MO. • **Fred Alcober** is an assistant content manager at Crispin Porter & Bogusky in Boulder, CO. **Alexander Gerrish** is a project control associate at Computer Sciences Corporation in Baltimore. **Steve Isom** is an analyst at TD Securities in Houston. • **Kristen Hysell** is working with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps in St. Louis, and **Betsy Fountain** is with the Alliance for Catholic Education, teaching second grade in Pascagoula, MS. • **Hannah Ames** and **Chris Denice** are in the financial management program at GE Energy in Atlanta and Houston, respectively. • **Kristen Kelly** is an associate at AmeriCares on the Latin America and Caribbean partnerships team, currently working on relief in Haiti following the devastating earthquake there.

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Carlo Cautilli '98 and his wife, Jacqueline, welcomed their second child, Alessandra Bella, into the world on October 27, 2009. Alessandra joins her two-year-old brother, Christian. The Cautillis reside in Medway. Carlo is a vice president at Salrex, where he has been employed for seven years. Congratulations, Carlo and Jacqueline, on the birth of your second child and good luck, Carlo in your new position! • **Brian O'Keefe** '09 reports that he plans to graduate in May 2010 with an MS in administrative studies. Congratulations, Brian, on your accomplishments. • Prayers and late condolences are extended to the family of **Russell Gannon** '82, who died in August 2009.

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In January, **Justin Testa**, MBA'80, was named president of Onset Computer Corporation, a supplier of data loggers. • Last fall, **John Rieger**, MBA'86, joined the OPEL Solar team of OPEL International Inc. as director of regional sales, responsible for business development and sales in the United States and Canada. John holds a BS in electrical engineering from West Michigan University. • In January, **Stephen Friedman**, MBA'87, was named senior VP at Regents Bank's North County office in Carlsbad, CA. • **Lee B. Oliphant**, MBA'88, was named president of MIB Group in February. Lee, who joined MIB in 1999 as CFO, was also designated to succeed the current CEO upon

his retirement later this year. Lee is a CPA and holds a BS in business administration from Lehigh University. • In March, **Kevin Smith**, MBA'89, was named group VP, Spotlight Integrated Media Sales, at Comcast Spotlight, the advertising sales division of Comcast Cable. He is based in Philadelphia. Kevin is a graduate of the Kellogg School at Northwestern University. • **Ross Sealfon**, MBA'05, has joined the investment team of Longroad Asset Management of Stamford, CT. • **Douglas J. Rose**, MBA'99, has joined Tully Rinckey PLLC as a partner. He will focus on complex commercial litigation; real estate, zoning, and land use litigation; and commercial and consumer bankruptcy. Douglas received his JD from the University of Miami School of Law. Prior to his legal career, he served in the U.S. Coast Guard, where he achieved the rank of lieutenant (junior grade) as a deck watch officer deployed primarily in the Caribbean.

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Joseph H. Strain, MA'49, associate dean emeritus of Suffolk University, has been recognized by *Cambridge Who's Who* for his leadership and excellence in teaching, academic administration, and advocacy. Joseph holds an EdD from Harvard University and an AB in history from Suffolk University. • **Carol (Gautieri) O'Rourke**, MA'68, writes, "After a 23-year career at Smith Barney, I am now executive director of the Coalition for Debtor Education, a nonprofit with a mission to teach financial education. We are located at Fordham Law School, at Lincoln Center in New York City, and welcome any BC grads and their family members to join our volunteer corps." • On January 26, **Janet Eisner**, SND, MA'69, H'05, was a guest on the CatholicTV talk show *This Is the Day*. Sr. Janet is president of Emmanuel College in Boston, having served in this position since 1979. An alumna of Emmanuel College, she holds a PhD in English from the University of Michigan in addition to her master's from BC. • This past March, **Bruce Croffy**, MS'72, PhD'76, was named senior VP and chief medical officer of Blue Cross of Idaho. After graduating from Tufts University School of Medicine, Bruce practiced internal medicine and gastroenterology in Salem for 15 years. He later served as national medical director at OptumHealth Inc. and as chief medical officer for HCC Life Insurance Company. • Several years ago, **Michelle Cadorette**, MA'94, an American studies teacher at Bow High School in New Hampshire, established a fund at Mass. General Hospital for research

on malignant thymoma, a rare form of cancer that she has been battling for the past decade. Students and staff at the high school have organized road races to raise funds for this cause, and this past October, Michelle and 110 of her supporters raised \$5,200 during the seventh annual Purple Ribbon 5K Run. We wish Michelle the best as she continues her brave fight against this disease. • **Robert Erlewine**, MA'01, an assistant professor of religion at Illinois Wesleyan University, published a new book, *Monotheism and Tolerance: Recovering a Religion of Reason* (Indiana University Press, 2010). Robert holds a doctorate in religious studies from Rice University, where he received a research fellowship at the Boniuk Center for the Study and Advancement of Religious Tolerance.

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Michelle Butman, MSW'07, will be honored with the "2010 Greatest Contribution by a Social Worker with Five Years or Less Experience" award by NASW. Michelle has worked since 2007 as a program coordinator at Transition Resources and Community Supports (TRACS), a program of South Shore Mental Health. • **Priscilla Riley**, MSW'64, died on November 3, 2009. A professor emeriti of Simmons College, she is survived by her husband, **Don Riley**, MSW'63, and children Caitlin and Justin.

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Ed Klein, MEd'64, shone in the Senior Games Florida State Championships held in December 2009 at Florida Gulf Coast University in Fort Myers: he won two gold medals in tennis—in singles and men's doubles—in his age bracket, 70–74, and he did it without losing a set! Then in March in Tampa, his team won the USTA Florida State Men's Doubles Championship. Ed and wife Susan live in Clearwater. Ed is a former dean of men at Georgetown University and also served as financial aid administrator at its School of Medicine. • **William J. Brooks**, MEd'69, died on January 16 in the West

Indies while traveling with his family. A former priest and high-school teacher in South Florida, Bill was later general manager of WPTV and a VP of Scripps Howard Broadcasting. He also served on the boards of many nonprofits and as a member of the Palm Beach Town Council. He is survived by his wife, Martha, and a brother. • In March, **Maria Luisa Wilson-Portuondo**, MEd'73, received the 2010 John A. Dinneen, SJ, Hispanic Alumni Community Service Award, presented by the Archbishop Oscar A. Romero Scholarship Committee of Boston College. Maria Luisa has spent her career working as an educator and an advocate for bilingual children with special education needs. She is currently an education consultant at Decision Analytics, Inc., where she designs and delivers professional development programs with a focus on culturally and linguistically diverse students and special education. • Last spring, **Robbie Tourse**, PhD'90, received the NASW Lifetime Achievement Award. Robbie was an administrator and a faculty member at BC's Graduate School of Social Work. She served in various roles in the GSSW Field Office, finally as director of field education. • In January, **Chris Maher**, MA'92, became CEO of eBureau, a provider of predictive scoring and information services for online advertisers in St. Cloud, MN. • **Darrell Lockwood**, DED'95, has been selected as the new superintendent of the Masonomet Regional School District, which serves students from Boxford, Middleton, and Topsfield, MA. Darrell, who is currently superintendent of the Tyngsborough Public Schools, previously led the Goffstown, Dunbarton, and New Boston school districts in New Hampshire, where he also served as a school principal and as a school business administrator. He will begin his new job in July. • In March, **James Forest**, PhD'98, gave testimony to a Senate Armed Services Committee hearing on U.S. government efforts to combat violent extremism. James is director of terrorism studies at the Combating Terrorism Center at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point. • Merrill Lynch wealth management adviser **Carl Cafaro**, MA'99, was recently recognized in *On Wall Street's* "40 Under 40" list, consisting of a select group of advisers across the 50 states who were designated by their firm as having the most assets under management. Carl lives in Brookline with his wife, Kira, and their three children. He is an active member of the community, where he coaches youth soccer and baseball and serves as treasurer on the PTO at Kehillath Israel Nursery School.

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OBITUARIES

1930S

William R. Anderson '37 of Newport, VT, on January 25, 2010.
Gertrude G. Collins, MEd'39, of Melrose on September 22, 2008.
Francis L. Curran '33 of Manchester, NH, on January 19, 2010.
Victor H. Galvani, JD'37, of Framingham on March 20, 2010.
John T. O'Neill '38 of New Bern, NC, on January 11, 2010.
Robert B. Russell '37, MA'39, of Cambridge on February 18, 2010.
Paul Scanlon '39 of Melbourne, FL, on July 5, 2009.
William H. Scannell Jr. '38 of Barrington, RI, on March 1, 2010.
Joseph F. Tuscher '39 of South Dennis on March 7, 2008.
Harry W. Vozella, Esq., '39 of Franklin on February 13, 2010.

1940S

Louis F. Alfano '43 of Melrose on February 14, 2010.
John F. Andrews '42 of Lynn on January 20, 2010.
Dorothy B. Baker, MSW'46, H'79, of Holyoke on February 16, 2010.
Leo J. Brogan, Esq., '40 of Silver Spring, MD, on February 13, 2010.
John J. Burggraf '40 of Warwick, NY, on November 21, 2009.
Gerard C. Carroll '44 of Springfield, VA, on August 25, 2008.
John J. Carusone '43, MSSW'48, of Walnut Creek, CA, on December 12, 2009.
David J. Cavan '42 of West Boylston on January 9, 2010.
John J. Colahan '41 of Needham on March 23, 2010.
Joseph N. Coleman '49 of Nashville, TN, on March 3, 2009.
James P. Costello '48 of Hingham on March 1, 2010.
Edward D. Cowhig '41 of Scituate on January 6, 2010.
Francis A. D'Ambrosio '42 of Concord on January 11, 2010.
Stanley J. Dmohowski '45 of Framingham on February 22, 2010.
Michael F. Farina '45 of Washington DC on February 10, 2010.
Walter D. Fitzgerald '44 of West Roxbury on March 18, 2010.
Francis L. Gallagher '44 of Framingham on January 28, 2010.
Ernest J. Handy, Esq., '42, JD'49, of South Walpole on January 8, 2010.

Joseph P. Harrington '41 of Malden on January 1, 2010.
Arthur J. Hassett Jr. '40 of Duxbury on January 21, 2010.
Patrick J. Herlihy '43 of San Francisco, CA, on December 23, 2009.
Winifred H. Higgins, MA'47, of San Diego, CA, on October 22, 2009.
John E. Kane '43 of Exeter, NH, on January 5, 2010.
Paul J. Livingston '42 of Millbrae, CA, on February 25, 2010.
James P. Lynch Jr., LLB'49, of Natick, formerly of Wellesley, on February 25, 2010.
Charles V. McGuerty '48 of Woburn on March 9, 2010.
Edward J. Moloney, Esq., '43, JD'48, of Lowell on March 18, 2010.
John J. Ring '43 of Milford on December 29, 2009.
John F. Stokes '49 of Newburyport on January 23, 2009.
Joseph A. Sullivan WCAS'43 of South Yarmouth, formerly of Cambridge, on July 23, 2008.
Joseph F. Szlosek WCAS'45 of Whitinsville on February 20, 2010.
Mabel L. Waggett, MEd'47, of Falmouth on January 23, 2010.

1950S

Joan Costello Barbary NC'55 of Scituate on February 6, 2010.
Mary Ann Morley Bernhard NC'57 of Andover on January 21, 2010.
William F. Blake '51 of Montgomery, NJ, on February 12, 2010.
Robert L. Bogan '53 of Northridge, CA, on September 2, 2009.
Raymond A. Boulanger, SM, MA'57, of Framingham on February 12, 2010.
William M. Bucelewicz '57 of Allston on February 25, 2010.
Edmund F. Bunyon Jr. '58, MBA'65, of Belmont on December 30, 2009.
Thomas V. Byrne '57 of Hudson, formerly of Stowe, on January 25, 2010.
Edmund J. Cardoni '54 of Norwood on May 11, 2008.
Alan L. Cataldo '52 of East Boston on March 10, 2009.
Raymond J. Collins Jr. '53 of Niskayuna, NY, on January 13, 2010.
James J. Davis '51 of West Hartford, CT, on January 22, 2010.
Virginia Y. Dayton NC'54 of Paradise Valley, AZ, on February 23, 2010.
Willard L. Declue '51 of Edgewater, FL, on March 9, 2010.

Robert L. DiSchino '50, MEd'60, of Wellesley on December 20, 2009.
Robert D. Donehey '58 of Needham on February 13, 2010.
John J. Donovan '55 of Quincy on March 23, 2010.
Judith Scannell Donovan NC'57, MSW'59, of Harwich, formerly of Andover, on February 7, 2010.
John L. Dwyer Jr. '50 of Corona del Mar, CA, on December 1, 2009.
James A. Elbery '51 of Newton on March 10, 2010.
John R. Fitzpatrick '56 of Natick on January 30, 2010.
William J. Flanagan '54 of Winchester on March 22, 2010.
Paul F. Folan '58 of Norwood on March 5, 2010.
Daniel F. Foley '50 of Fresno, CA, on March 1, 2010.
Daniel M. Foley '55 of West Roxbury on March 15, 2010.
William P. Franzese, Esq., '50 of Winthrop on February 10, 2010.
Eugene F. Fredey '53 of Needham on February 7, 2010.
John P. Frost '51 of East Bridgewater on January 2, 2010.
Francis M. Gallagher, MSW'58, of Leominster on January 29, 2010.
Robert H. Gallagher '50 of Waltham on January 28, 2010.
James J. Gallery '51 of Palm Harbor, FL, on December 20, 2009.
Daniel J. Gilmartin, MEd'56, of Framingham on October 8, 2009.
Francis P. Greaney '52 of Montreal, Quebec, on January 19, 2010.
Barry W. Grennan, Esq., '54 of Jupiter, FL, on February 25, 2010.
Joseph M. Hanley '51 of Norwood on January 26, 2010.
Richard F. Harding '50 of Fairfax, VA, on December 24, 2009.
Therese Higgins, CSJ, MA'57, H'93, of Brighton on February 21, 2010.
Robert L. Hillyard, Esq., '57 of St. Augustine, FL, on January 1, 2010.
John E. Kearney '51 of Halifax on February 22, 2010.
Margaret A. Keohane '53 of Brockton on September 13, 2008.
Robert R. Koch WCAS'59 of St. Petersburg, FL, on January 2, 2008.
Roland C. Korb '50 of North Andover on February 16, 2010.
Patricia A. Lambert, CSJ, MA'55, of Framingham on February 7, 2010.
Charlene Crosby Leggett '58 of Waterville, ME, on January 9, 2010.

Robert G. Lenox '51 of Stoneham, formerly of Medford, on January 9, 2010.
Joseph M. Maguire Sr. '52 of Mattapan on December 24, 2009.
John F. McAteer '50 of Burlington, VT, on March 8, 2010.
Mary Hanley McCall, STL'54, WCAS'72, MEd'73, of Raleigh, NC, on December 23, 2009.
George P. McCormick '52 of Peabody on January 15, 2010.
Mary M. McDonnell, MA'50, of Shrewsbury on March 13, 2010.
Paul F. McKeown, Esq., JD'55, of Silver Spring, MD, on January 21, 2010.
Martin J. McLaughlin '58 of Littleton on January 21, 2010.
John F. McLellan '55 of Bridgewater on March 16, 2010.
Edward B. McRae '51 of Everett on December 23, 2009.
Charles R. Melchin '57 of Abington on January 3, 2010.
Vincent R. Moran '51 of Sacramento, CA, on March 8, 2010.
Grace Anne Mullen '54 of South Weymouth on January 5, 2010.
Edmund J. Naddaff '58 of Burlington on February 2, 2010.
Oscar A. Nietzel '51 of Walpole on January 11, 2010.
Robert W. O'Brien, MA'54, of Newton on March 15, 2010.
Richard M. Regan, JD'56, of Hingham on December 22, 2009.
Robert E. Salisbury Jr. '57 of South Hadley on January 5, 2010.
Rudolph J. Satlak, WCAS'56, of Arlington on March 17, 2010.
Richard R. Shuman '52 of Jackson, FL, on December 6, 2009.
James L. Smith '58 of Waldwick, NJ, on December 31, 2009.
Joan T. Smith, MEd'53, of Framingham, formerly of Milford, on January 9, 2010.
John G. Spanbauer Jr. '51 of Wilmington, DE, on February 1, 2010.
Michael T. Sullivan, LLB'51, of South Weymouth on January 31, 2010.
John Tramonti, Esq., JD'52, of Tiverton, RI, on February 25, 2010.
August C. Van Couyghen, Esq., JD'53, of Narragansett, RI, on January 16, 2010.
Gerard F. Weidmann '50 of Quincy on February 6, 2010.
Donald J. Wenger '51, MA'52, of Bloomfield, MI, on January 31, 2010.
Francis J. Whalen '52 of Jamaica Plain on January 15, 2010.

Maurice J. Whalen '57 of McLean, VA, on December 28, 2009.

Marie Carmel White, SND, MA'55, of Ipswich on March 17, 2010.

1960s

Raymond L. Anstiss, MBA'64, of Chelmsford on February 22, 2010.

Donald J. Armstrong '60 of Marlborough on February 25, 2010.

Margaret A. Barbrick '65, MED'71, of Danvers on October 15, 2008.

Joan Bejgrowicz '66 of Adams on January 6, 2010.

Ronald F. Brinkmann '60 of South Weymouth on January 4, 2010.

William J. Brooks, MED'69, of Palm Beach, FL, on January 16, 2010.

Donald J. Burke '60, MED '65, of Newton on January 11, 2010.

Lawrence A. Burke, SJ, STL'65, of Kingston, Jamaica, on January 24, 2010.

Robert J. Collins '60 of Menlo Park, CA, on March 23, 2010.

Gerald Cook '66 of Melrose and West Harwich on January 16, 2010.

Richard R. Cote, MSW'66, of Old Town, ME, on February 12, 2010.

John P. Coury '64 of Vienna, VA, on December 20, 2009.

Julie A. Clapper Crane, MED'65, of New York, NY, on January 4, 2010.

Jeffrey A. Daury '64 of Pittsfield on December 17, 2009.

Auriel Dell '69 of Boston on January 3, 2010.

Grace McGillivray Dunn '60 of Chelmsford on March 17, 2010.

Stephanie J. Eckert NC'63 of Charleston, SC, on August 15, 2009.

Elaine J. Elenewski '68 of Lawrenceville, NJ, on January 28, 2010.

Frederick G. Feely Jr. '66 of Chelmsford on January 25, 2010.

John N. Fraser, Esq., MED'67, of Watertown on February 28, 2010.

Margaret A. Gilmartin, MED'69, of New Canaan, CT, on January 6, 2010.

James W. Hackett WCAS'69 of Tequesta, FL, on October 8, 2008.

William J. Hurley '69 of Walpole on January 28, 2010.

Robert T. Kleinknecht '67 of Naples, FL, on February 13, 2010.

Margaret Burns Ludeke NC'69 of Cincinnati, OH, on January 12, 2009.

John M. Marinofsky '63 of Framingham on March 14, 2010.

Josephine A. Mastrangelo Eagan '62 of Detroit, MI, on February 1, 2010.

Elizabeth H. McCool '63 of Woonsocket, RI, on January 28, 2010.

John D. McMahon Jr. '66 of Palmetto, FL, and Old Saybrook, CT, on January 29, 2010.

Maureen Moriarty NC'64 of Sarasota, FL, on October 20, 2008.

James E. Muldoon '65 of Pensacola, FL, on May 17, 2009.

Louise L. Demers Noble NC'68, MED'80, of Duxbury on January 11, 2010.

Donald T. O'Connor, Esq., JD'66, of Pittsburgh, PA, on February 6, 2008.

Kevin G. O'Neil '60 of Ogunquit, ME, on January 30, 2010.

Joseph G. Passaggio WCAS'68 of Hanover on February 20, 2010.

Paul C. Powell '69 of Malden on February 4, 2010.

Paul W. Prescott, CAES'68, DED'74, of Scituate on January 7, 2010.

Edwina I. Robinson, MED'68, CAES'71, of Quincy on January 25, 2010.

Arthur E. Shea '66 of Boston on December 29, 2009.

Edward J. Small, SJ, '63, MDiv'70, of Stratford, CT, on January 18, 2010.

Richard F. Sullivan, Esq., '63 of Shrewsbury on January 13, 2010.

Barry J. Walker, Esq., JD'61, of Palm Beach Gardens, FL, on January 28, 2010.

Margaret Doyle Wheelen '60 of Tampa, FL, on February 7, 2010.

Kathleen Whitesides, MA'64, of Dover, NH, on December 18, 2009.

Americo A. Zeneri '60 of Hatfield on February 5, 2010.

1970s

Mark S. Christian '78 of Bellingham, WA, on January 1, 2010.

Richard W. Coulter, MBA'76, of Shrewsbury on January 4, 2010.

Ivabelle Bauer Debolt '75 of Titusville, FL, on August 16, 2008.

Rita D. Dermody, SCNY, MED'75, of Yonkers, NY, on October 1, 2009.

John J. Emmerich, MBA'70, of Needham on September 22, 2009.

Bruce Barrett Freedman, MBA'70, of Brooklyn, NY, on November 14, 2008.

Robert B. Hanron, JD'76, of Hull on March 11, 2010.

Nancy Lee Harkness, MSW'78, of Sandwich on February 28, 2010.

Carl L. Hartley, MA'71, of Mansfield, MO, on December 31, 2009.

Christopher C. Manning '78 of Roslindale on March 26, 2010.

William Joseph Maroon, MED'76, of New Straitsville, OH, on January 30, 2009.

Judith McConnell, MSP'77, of Watertown on January 23, 2010.

Arthur D. McKey '70, MA'73, of Chevy Chase, MD, on September 3, 2009.

Neil Meisler, MSP'72, of Mount Pleasant, SC, on March 4, 2009.

Paula Donahue Menhennitt '76, MED'77, of Halfmoon, NY, on February 17, 2010.

Joseph F. Pascale '77 of Newport Beach, CA, on November 23, 2009.

Ray E. Sylvester Jr. '70 of Scituate on January 24, 2010.

Donald P. Tonzi '71 of Camillus, NY, on December 18, 2009.

John A. Van Lund Jr., MA'71, of Lenox on December 23, 2009.

1980s

Sandra S. Allmond, MA'87, of Marietta, GA, on June 24, 2009.

Fabian Bachrach Jr., MA'88, of West Newton on February 26, 2010.

Kathleen A. Bedard '87 of Worcester on December 14, 2009.

Kathleen Marie Bird, MED'88, of Clinton on January 7, 2010.

Tree Lafleur Borden, MSW'83, of Marblehead on March 11, 2010.

Karen Lussier Contois '80 of Southwick on February 27, 2010.

Aileen B. Droege, MBA'80, of Plymouth on January 25, 2010.

John M. Gancer '81 of River Forest, IL, on February 28, 2010.

Elizabeth Mairs WCAS'83 of Waltham on March 25, 2010.

Jeffrey J. Montolio, MA'82, of Olathe, KS, on January 19, 2010.

Maureen A. Muckian '82 of Lynn on January 6, 2010.

Paul W. Nagle '86 of Evergreen, CO, on December 19, 2009.

Brunilda Santos, JD'83, of Guaynabo, PR, on March 4, 2010.

Claire Marie Tosches, MED'89, of Milford on January 23, 2010.

1990s

Lisa G. Baker, NTE'96, of Maumee, OH, on December 20, 2009.

Cynthia Byrd WCAS'92 of Middleton on February 8, 2010.

Maura A. Halloran, MED'94, of West Yarmouth on February 4, 2010.

Mary Lynne Wilson '92 of Worcester on December 28, 2009.

2000s

Derek J. Boc, Esq., '04, JD'07, of Boston on March 28, 2010.

Editor's note: In the last issue of Boston College Magazine, we inadvertently listed William Gerard Stanton Jr. as deceased. Gerry would like all his friends to know that he is very much alive and well, living in Reston, VA. We apologize to Gerry; we regret the error.

FACULTY AND STAFF DEATHS

- **James Francis McMorrow**, of Lexington, carpenter from 1958 to 1983, on March 5, 2010, at age 91. He is survived by his wife Anne, sons James and Gerry, and daughter Phyllis Wiesner.
- **Edward Norton, SVD**, of Techny, Illinois, professor of education from 1967 to 1976, on December 31, 2009, at age 90.
- **Stanley J. Dmohowski** '45 of Framingham, professor of accounting from 1945 to 1996, on February 22, 2010, at age 86. He is survived by his sons Stephen, Denis, Andrew, and Paul, and daughters Ann Forrestall, Mary F. Cappel, Kathy Manning, and Karen.
- **George Garnhum**, of Canton, Boston College Police officer since 1989, on February 28, 2010, at age 63. He is survived by his wife, Donna, and daughters Kelley Cooksey, Jill Wilson, and Dawn Alexander.
- **George Sagias**, of Allston, mechanic in Facilities Services heating, ventilation, and air conditioning shop since 1974, on February 5, 2010, at age 61. He is survived by his daughter Stacy.

The obituary section is compiled from national listings and notices from family members and friends of alumni. The section includes only the deaths reported to us since the previous issue of Boston College Magazine. Please send information to: Office of University Advancement, More Hall 220, 140 Commonwealth Ave., Chestnut Hill, MA 02467.

LIGHT·the·WORLD

150TH ANNIVERSARY CAMPAIGN

FACULTY FOCUS

CAMPAIGN STRENGTHENS BC'S PURSUIT OF TOP TALENT

At a time when many universities have instituted faculty hiring freezes, Boston College continues to recruit new professors to the Heights, while ensuring it retains its most talented scholars.

Up to 100 new faculty are expected to be added during the University's 10-year Strategic Plan, and this investment—supported in part through the *Light the World* campaign—is one way BC aims to become a leader among American universities.

"It would be difficult to overstate the importance of faculty excellence at Boston College," says Provost and Dean of Faculties Cutberto Garza. "Faculty dedication to undergraduate and graduate students, scholarly commitment to innovative research, and unwavering support of BC's mission as a Jesuit, Catholic university are all

critical to the success of the University."

Many new hires have already made their presence felt on campus, including Assistant Professor Sara Cordes, who joined the psychology department in September 2009 after spending four years as a research associate at Duke University's Center for Cognitive Neuroscience. She chose BC, she says, because of its attention to developing junior faculty and dedication to research support. "The faculty are stellar, and I think the University could have the top department in the country in the next 10 years," says Cordes, who recently won a prestigious Sloan Research Fellowship, which recognizes outstanding early career scientists, mathematicians, and economists.

Cordes specializes in the cognitive development of



MATTHEW HAKOLA

Assistant Professor of Psychology Sara Cordes provides students with opportunities to contribute to groundbreaking research in the University's new Infant and Child Cognition Lab.

infants and children—specifically how they keep track of small and large quantities—which could help parents and teachers better target children's early learning abilities, leading to greater mathematic achievement in the classroom.

As part of her research, Cordes oversees BC's new Infant and Child Cognition Lab, which currently provides a dozen undergraduate and graduate students with the chance to participate in cutting-edge research. Funding these kinds of opportunities throughout the University will enable BC to continue to attract the brightest students and help ensure that it recruits and retains outstanding faculty who might otherwise join competing institutions.

The addition of new faculty will also allow Boston College

to reduce its average class size and student-to-faculty ratio, creating a more dynamic environment where students can receive greater personal attention in their studies.

The University currently has a solid student-to-faculty ratio of 13 to one, and 47 percent of all classes have fewer than 20 students. However, BC still lags many of its peers in these areas—for instance, both Brown and Duke have eight-to-one ratios, while 71 percent of their classes comprise 20 students or fewer.

Says Garza, "Increasing size of the faculty at BC will ensure that we maintain our competitive edge against other institutions, foster a climate of intellectual curiosity and exchange, and enhance the experience of our students both inside and outside the classroom."

AT A GLANCE

- » Boston College seeks to hire up to 100 new faculty members across the University with funding assistance from the *Light the World* campaign.
- » New faculty hires will enable BC to reduce its student-to-faculty ratio and increase the number of classes the University offers with fewer than 20 students.
- » Retaining talented faculty is a key priority—and increased funding will help BC expand research opportunities for professors and students alike.

Make a difference at www.bc.edu/give.

LIVING THE MISSION

CAMPUS MINISTRY ENSURES “CARE FOR THE WHOLE PERSON”

“**T**he Office of Campus Ministry’s programming is more popular than ever among students, and today nearly 4,500 undergraduates annually participate in its many spiritual and service initiatives.”

With 14 ministers on staff, campus ministry plays a critical role in the University’s Jesuit, Catholic mission and commitment to student formation—priorities that are central to the *Light the World* campaign.

“Boston College integrates aspects of spirituality with students’ academic experience, and that makes BC distinctive,” says Director Fr. Anthony

Penna ’70, M.Div.’74, M.Ed.’75. “Our goal is to nurture the minds and hearts of students. It’s the basis of *cura personalis* or ‘care for the whole person.’”

There is particular demand for ministry-sponsored community service projects and spiritual retreats. In fact, 80 percent of BC seniors performed some form of community service while at the Heights, and more than half participated in a retreat.

One of the most popular retreats is Kairos, which follows an Ignatian model and invites students to “find God in all things and contemplate hope and forgiveness through

prayer,” according to Campus Minister Greg Carpinello, MA’07, who manages the student-led program.

More than 2,200 undergraduates apply for the 400 seats available during the 10 Kairos retreats held each year. “The retreats are used as a benchmark program for many colleges and high schools nationwide,” says Carpinello, “and with ongoing support, we hope they will continue to benefit more BC students each year.”

Service groups such as Appalachia Volunteers, 4Boston, and the Arrupe International Program have also grown in the past decade and benefit from the direction provided by campus ministry. The programs expose students to social justice

issues through volunteer and immersion trips to some of the world’s most impoverished regions. These firsthand experiences, according to Penna, often serve as a catalyst for students’ academic and vocational paths.

Among other key duties, campus ministry also oversees more than 20 Masses each week, coordinates a thriving liturgy arts group, offers spiritual direction to students in need, and provides support to a number of diverse faith communities.

“Throughout their undergraduate experience,” says Penna, “campus ministry helps ensure that students recognize and develop their talents for the benefit of others.”

ILLUMINATIONS

Julie Finora McAfee ’93

CURRENT RESIDENCE
Walnut Creek, California

OCCUPATION
Cash management consultant

UNDERGRADUATE MAJOR
Finance

FAVORITE BC ACTIVITY
Cheering on BC sports teams with my roommates

What did you enjoy most about your Boston College education?

I appreciated all the opportunities that a liberal arts education offers. Like so many students, I benefited from the diversity of classes—and, in my case, I became a more well-rounded person because I was able to take women’s studies courses and other electives while completing a major in finance.

How do you stay connected to BC on the West Coast?

Soon after I moved to the Bay Area, I started to volunteer with the Northern California Chapter and quickly found that being far away from BC geographically didn’t have to mean losing touch. One great experience led to the next, and over the years I’ve served as a chapter co-leader and as a member of both the Alumni Association Board and the Council for Women of Boston College, through which I had the privilege to mentor a local BC student.



JACK HUYNH/ORANGE PHOTOGRAPHY

Additionally, I’ve served on my class’s Reunion Gift Committee and been a proud annual donor for a long time. My levels of commitment and involvement have changed as my life has changed, but there is always a way to stay involved with BC.

Why is being an annual donor important to you?

I received financial aid as an undergraduate, and it is personally important to me that students who are accepted to the University can attend regardless of their economic situation. My giving to BC each year helps ensure that a new generation of students has the same opportunity to succeed as I did.

SECRET SERVICE

By Dave Denison

When the boss becomes Robin Hood

Ten years ago, Boston College sociology professor Lisa Dodson set out to study the lives of America's working poor. She started conducting interviews with low-wage workers, and, to get another perspective, she sat down with the people they answered to on the job, mostly midlevel managers.

Dodson expected to hear complaints from the managers—and she did. The workers led disorganized lives. They weren't punctual. They couldn't seem to balance child-care and full-time work. But in some cases, she found sympathy instead of judgment. Some bosses believed the demands their workers faced were impossible. They deserved better. And that's where the conversations got interesting.

A manager of a fast-food restaurant in the Midwest told Dodson: "Okay, I'll tell you that I add to their paychecks. I actually put them in for more hours, or what I can do more easily is put them in as working overtime and they get paid a higher rate. And sometimes I just pad them; that's all there is to it." Why? "I pad their paychecks because you can't live on what they make."

During eight years of research, Dodson conducted studies in areas around Boston, New York City, Hartford, Milwaukee, and Denver, and also in Maine, working with teams of mainly graduate students, or on her own. In hundreds of interviews, she writes, she found "an array of secret and sometimes illicit ways people push against unfairness." In her recent book *The Moral Underground: How Ordinary Americans Subvert an Unfair Economy* (2009), she relates numerous examples of individual actions taken by supervisors who subvert workplace rules to help underpaid manual laborers, office workers, and others.

Dodson tells of a floor manager at a New England retail store who expressed a common ambivalence: It's important, the manager said, to avoid knowing too much about the employees' lives. "You do that to keep it professional. But I think . . . it is also how to keep it clean." Elaborating, the supervisor said, "It can get messy quickly if you start encouraging people to tell you what is going on, because they all have these problems." Asked how that was working out, the manager admitted, "I actually break my rules all the time." She told of an employee who was working two jobs

but couldn't afford to buy her daughter a dress for her prom. The manager confessed that she diverted a dress from the store's supply, explaining that sometimes "you just have to level the playing field a little."

It turns out, Dodson reports, that a fair amount of "leveling" is going on. How much? Her studies don't take an econometric approach—and she clarifies in an addendum that her interview subjects were not randomly selected, as in public-opinion surveys. Rather, as is common in sociology, she sought a variety of demo-

graphic groups and attached significance to patterns that began to appear with regularity. Her studies included not only low-wage workers and their bosses but also health care workers who treated patients of limited means, and daycare workers and teachers, who, she found, sometimes made special accommodations for children from struggling families.

Dodson does not omit from her analysis the views of employers who believe questions about "morality" and "solidarity" are irrelevant to how business works. As one manager told her, "this is not about going to church . . . this is business." She probed the feelings of another manager shortly after he fired a worker whose child-care difficulties made her late for work. "If she decides to have a child, then she needs to get her situation together enough to be responsible," the manager said. "I didn't ask her to have a child. Okay, you want a child, fine. You want to go have a child

without a husband, fine, but if you take a job and you accept conditions of that job, then you have a responsibility to meet those."

Concern about the effects of hard times on children runs through *The Moral Underground*, as well as Dodson's first book, *Don't Call Us Out of Name* (1998), which documented the lives of women and girls in poverty. Dodson has already begun interviews for her next book, which will probe the ways individuals in the bottom half of the economy balance work and family responsibilities.

Dave Denison is a writer in the Boston area.



"Disobedience," a One Question video interview with Lisa Dodson, can be seen at Full Story, www.bc.edu/bcm





Grigsby, on set

Our 'Hero'

By Steve Oney

Television writer Oliver Grigsby '04

Oliver Grigsby sits in a director's chair at Hollywood's Sunset Gower Studios intently watching a video monitor with a group that includes the key, behind-the-scenes figures for any television show—the director and the director of photography. Just beyond some plywood walls is the set of the Burnt Toast Café, a grimy diner that figures often in the NBC science-fiction drama *Heroes*. The program features a large cast of characters who, although outwardly ordinary, possess extraordinary powers (one can regenerate body parts, another can fly). Grigsby is a staff writer for the show, and on this late November afternoon an episode of his titled "Pass/Fail" is in its fourth day of production.

The 28-year-old former English major is at home with *Heroes*' comic-book style, which features short bits of action occurring in multiple locales that come together in an overarching narrative. He completed the first draft of his 45-page script in October. When the show aired January 18, it was the second episode to carry the credit "Written by Oliver Grigsby."

Born in Great Britain and raised in Australia and Los Angeles, Grigsby is tall and amiable with a shock of dark hair and a show-biz pedigree (his father produces the ABC series *Castle*). He got his start in

television just after graduation, as a gofer on NBC's *American Dreams*. He spent a year making coffee runs before landing a job as a writers' assistant (more coffee runs, but exclusively for the people hammering out the words) on *Crossing Jordan*, whose producer, Tim Kring, was also in the process of creating *Heroes*. "When NBC picked up *Heroes*," says Grigsby, "Tim asked me to come along as the script coordinator. My job was to proof every revision of every script."

The show has completed its fourth season. Last year Grigsby earned his first credit, for an episode titled "Shades of Gray"—a freelance assignment he got on the strength of his script supervisory work. Now a full-fledged writer, he participates in meetings with the producers and will contribute two episodes a year.

Grigsby has also branched into new media. He has written 12 of the program's spin-off six-page, web-based graphic novels, and created two webisodes—one-and-a-half minute online installments that enlarge on plot points in the show. "I hung out in the computer lab in college," he says, "and I'm interested in the blend of technology and storytelling."

Steve Oney is a Los Angeles-based writer.

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DIFFERENCE AT WWW.BC.EDU/GIVE.

From left: Kelly Connolly '11; James Lange '10; Christopher Collins, SJ, M.Div.'07;
and Christine Glaser '10 during a Kairos retreat in March at the Connors Family
Retreat and Conference Center. Photograph by Gary Wayne Gilbert

At the heart of the Boston College experience lies the Jesuit
commitment to cura personalis or "care for the whole person."

It nurtures and inspires.

Just ask the students who joined together to share and
reflect during one of many Kairos retreats this spring. Or the
4,500 undergraduates who each year are actively involved in
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